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Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other world leaders at the launch of the Global Biofuels Alliance, in New Delhi on Saturday | PTI

INDIA, GULF, EUROPEAN UNION TO BE LINKED VIA RAIL, SHIPPING ROUTES

The corridor, outlined at G20, would help boost trade, deliver energy resources between India, Saudi, UAE, Jordan, Israel and European Union

COUNTER TO CHINA'S BELT AND ROAD PROJECT

The project route will include shipping routes between India and Saudi Arabia, followed by a rail connection to the UAE, and potentially extending to Jordan. From Jordan, shipments would proceed by sea to Turkey and further inland via rail. The project is open to expansion with Greece in future. It's in a way a counter to China's Belt and Road initiative

CORRIDOR HAS CLEAN ENERGY MANDATE

- The project will be funded by a collaborative initiative involving G7 nations aimed at funding infra projects in developing countries
- It will expedite trade between India and Europe by 40%. It also aims to foster clean energy between Middle East and Europe via electricity cables and hydrogen pipelines, looking beyond transport

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NUMBER OF NATIONS THAT WILL FUND THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

LANDMARK DELHI LEADERS DECLARATION ADOPTED

G20 unanimously approves joint communique • Bali declaration phraseology on Ukraine war dropped • Leans on UN charter on territorial integrity • Disapproves use of force, nuclear threat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a session on 'One Family' during the two-day G20 Summit in New Delhi on Saturday | PTI

On religious hatred
The Delhi declaration strongly deplores all acts of religious hatred against persons, religious symbols and holy books; emphasises freedom of religion or belief, freedom of expression and the right to peaceful assembly

On free trade
Stating that rising commodity prices are contributing to cost of living pressures, G20 leaders commit to facilitate open, fair, predictable, and rules-based trade in food and fertilisers and not impose export curbs in line with WTO rules

On overall economy
Declaration calls for a strong, sustainable and inclusive growth to tackle uneven recovery after the pandemic. Flags trillions of dollar that countries would need to meet their climate goals and clean energy technologies

On corruption
The grouping reaffirms its commitment to zero tolerance for corruption and called for strengthening law enforcement-related international cooperation and information sharing for combating graft

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

IN a landmark decision, members of the G20 unanimously adopted the New Delhi Leaders Declaration on the opening day of their two-day summit here.

"History has been created with the adoption of New Delhi Leaders Declaration. United in consensus and spirit, we pledge to work collaboratively for a better, more prosperous and harmonious future. My gratitude to all fellow G20 members for their support and cooperation," said Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In the 83-paragraph joint communique, the Delhi declaration dropped words from last year's Bali Declaration that overtly condemned Russia's aggression against Ukraine. The sentence on "most members strongly condemned the war" was among those that were dropped or amended.

Instead, G20 member states agreed to lean on the tenets of the United Nations charter on territorial integrity and against the use of force. "In line with the UN Charter, all states must refrain from the threat or use of force to seek territorial acquisition against the territorial integrity and sovereignty or political independence of any state," the declaration read.

Besides, the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons is inadmissible, the declaration said.

"Considerable time was spent — especially in the last few days — in regard to geopolitical issues, which really centered around the war in Ukraine. China, too, was very supportive of all outcomes," said External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, after the declaration was adopted.

"Regarding the change in language on the Russia-Ukraine conflict from the Bali Declaration, Bali was Bali, New Delhi is Delhi. Many things have happened since the Bali Declaration," Jaishankar said.

"One should not have a theological view of this. The New Delhi Declaration responds to the concerns of today just like the Bali Declaration responded to the concerns of that time," he added.

To underscore the need for sustaining food and energy security, the G20 leaders called for the "cessation of military destruction or other attacks on relevant infrastructure".

Credit was also given to Turkiye and the UN-brokered Istanbul agreements that facilitated the Black Sea initiative to transport foodgrains from war-torn Ukraine. The G20 member states called for their full, timely and effective implementation to ensure the immediate and unimpeded Ukraine. "This is necessary to meet the demand in developing and least developed countries, particularly those in Africa," the declaration read.

On the Black Sea grain transport initiative, Jaishankar said many discussions are going on. "It's natural there would be discussions going forward. When the green corridor was created at Bali, we also contributed in our own way, at that time between Turkiye and Russia," he pointed out. P9

PM identified as representing Bharat at the Group of 20 meet

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi was identified as the leader representing 'Bharat' at the G20 Summit here on Saturday. The name card in front of Modi as he addressed the gathering at the Bharat Mandapam, the venue of the Summit, said 'Bharat'.

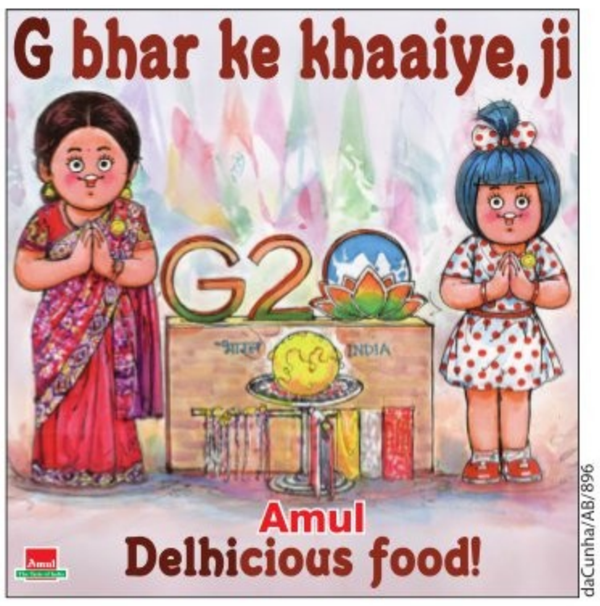
It comes days after a big controversy over Draupadi Murmu identifying herself as President of Bharat instead of India in her dinner invitation to 170 G20 delegates. While the BJP hailed it, saying it signified the purging of the colonial nomenclature for the country, the Opposition panned it, claiming the government was doing it to create a differentiator from their INDIA bloc.

"India seems to have been replaced by Bharat at the government function. The government made a symbolic statement at the G20," an official remarked.

With the country name card before the prime minister showing 'Bharat', it could be indicative of a possible resolution on dropping the word 'India' from the Constitution, during the upcoming special Parliament session from September 18 to 22.

The resolution would not suffice for the name change. It would require a constitutional amendment, which would perhaps come later. The resolution would, however, create the political mood for the Bharat versus INDIA joust in the forthcoming elections.

Recently, the United Nations had weighed in on the name change controversy. It said if New Delhi were to complete all formalities and approach the UN for the name change of the country in the records, the UN will go by the book. A spokesperson for UN secretary general Antonio Guterres, who is attending the G20 meet, had cited Turkey's recent name change to Turkiye as an example.



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Modi guarantee to African Union finally fructifies

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

IT was a red letter day for the African Union (AU) as Prime Minister Narendra Modi formally declared its inclusion as a permanent member of the G20 group.

"It is an honour to welcome the African Union to the G20 fold. India believes in a collaborative future and this step further solidifies our collective commitment to global progress. Here is to a brighter future for the Global South," Modi said.

Modi had in June mooted the idea of including the AU in the G20. Until now, the only African country in grouping was South Africa. It was in 2022 that the then AU President, Macky Sall (President of Senegal), expressed his desire for the union to be a part of the Group of 20. Modi had then guaranteed that it would be done.

Sall, who had met Modi on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in Johannesburg last month, thanked Modi for fulfilling his guarantee.

Modi embraced the incumbent AU President, Azali Assoumani, and invited him to take his seat. Assoumani is the President of Comoros. "The G20 has just ratified, through the voice of Prime Minister Modi, the admission of the AU into its fold. On behalf of the African continent, I sincerely thank all the member countries of the G20 for this historic admission," Assoumani said.

AU is a grouping of 55 countries. Many African leaders had argued that Europe is represented by five countries as well as the European Union (EU), and the African Union merits similar representation. "We are delighted that the G20 has accepted the AU as a member," said South African President Cyril Ramaphosa.

G20 DINNER: KHARGE TERMS NO INVITE TO HIM AS 'CHEAP POLITICS'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kalaburagi

CONGRESS president Mallikarjun Kharge, who is also Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, on Saturday broke his silence on not being invited to the G20 dinner hosted by President Droupadi Murmu and termed it "cheap politics".

Addressing reporters here, Kharge said the hosts should not have done politics on this matter.

On the special session of parliament convened by the Centre from September 18, Kharge said whenever the government calls a special session, it should take the leaders of opposition parties into confidence and inform them about the agenda. This sudden decision of the Centre came as a surprise to all opposition parties.

On the proposal for "one nation-one election" and the eagerness of the Union government to introduce it, Kharge said it will be very difficult to introduce as many legislative assemblies get dissolved before the end of their term and some get dissolved by the parliament.

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Siddu not to attend
Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said in Hubballi that Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge is the Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha and it is wrong not to invite him to the G20 dinner. Though CMs of all states have been invited, those from Congress-ruled states have decided not to attend it as a mark of protest. He too will not attend the event.

BIGGEST MOROCCO QUAKE IN 120 YEARS KILLS OVER 1,000

6.8
magnitude of the quake that hit the North African nation on Friday night. It is the biggest to hit Morocco in 120 years

Epicentre was high in the Atlas mountains, 70 km south of Marrakech

Shallow quake responsible for high casualties in Turkiye-Syria quakes a few months ago

1,000+
People killed and counting, over 1,200 injured

Rescue workers search for survivors in a collapsed house in Moulay Brahim, Al Haouz province in Morocco on Saturday | AFP | P11

Naidu arrested by CID in ₹370 cr corruption case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayawada

TDP chief and former chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday was arrested for his alleged role in the ₹370-crore Skill Devleopment Corporation scam in Nandyal.

The alleged scam dates back to 2014-15 when Naidu was the chief minister of the divided Andhra Pradesh, APCID chief N Sanjay said at a press conference.

Naidu orchestrated the transfer of public funds from the government meant for setting up of skill development centres to private entities via shell companies, he claimed.

Key documents relating to the case have gone missing and the focus is now on locating the misappropriated funds, Sanjay added. Custodial interrogation of Naidu was necessary to trace the funds, he said.

"The entire conspiracy points at the role of Naidu who introduced the corporation and entered into MoUs with Siemens. Later, Naidu hatched plans to siphon off money using shell companies. His role has been established and he will be presented before the ACB special court in Vijayawada," Sanjay said.

As per the GO issued at the time, the AP Skill Development Corporation was to set up clusters for skilling the youth. P5

Hariprasad targets Siddu, says CM let down Dalits, OBCs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

SENIOR Congress leader and MLC BK Hariprasad, who was denied a cabinet berth, on Saturday made a scathing but veiled attack on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah alleging that the latter has let down the Dalits, minorities and Other Backward Classes after assuming power.

However, he thanked Siddaramaiah for not inducting him into his cabinet, indirectly playing into the hands of the BJP which also did not want him to be a minister.

Hariprasad, indirectly referring to Siddaramaiah, alleged that the latter had met BJP patriarch LK Advani and dined with him to join the saffron party for which BJP leaders M Venkaiah Naidu and Arvind Limbavali were witnesses. "I have not done anything like that for power," he quipped.

He sent a message to the Congress high command that if the party continues to ignore OBCs, Adivasis, Dalits and minorities by depending on Siddaramaiah, it will have to bear the brunt in the 2024 LS polls. P5

EXPRESS READ

B'luru bandh tomorrow, schools declare holiday
Bengaluru: With the Federation of Karnataka State Private Transport Associations deciding to go ahead with the Bengaluru bandh on Monday, many schools have declared a holiday as owners of private school buses and vans have extended support to the stir. P3

Visa issues derail Afghan cricketers' plan

FIROZ MIRZA @ Colombo

TILL a few years ago, India used to be 'home' for the Afghanistan cricket team. They would practice and play matches in Dehradun and Greater Noida before the Ekana Cricket Stadium in Lucknow was made their 'new home'.

All that changed after the Taliban government came to power in Afghanistan two years ago. The consequence: The Afghan team that wanted to start preparing for the ODI World Cup in India early will not be able to do so due to visa issues.

After being knocked out of the Asia Cup since they lost to Sri Lanka, a select bunch of Afghan players, including their support staff, wanted to have a pre-tournament camp in India. "If not the full team, the plan was to start training for at least six-seven players early. The Afghanistan Cricket Board held talks in this regards but it is learnt it won't happen due to visa issues," a source in the know of things told this daily.

As many as five Afghan players, including their star spinner Rashid Khan and wicket-keeper-batter Rahmanullah Gurbaz, played for various franchises at the 2023 Indian Premier League.

The source, however, claimed that they got visas specifically for the tournament.

India used to be the adopted home for Afghanistan cricket team at least until the Covid pandemic disrupted all sporting activities. After the Taliban government came to power, the situation and the diplomatic relations have changed considerably. "As India was their adopted home, they had Indian visas but I was told that those visas were cancelled once the Taliban came to power. Now, they get visas on a tournament basis," added the source.

Afghanistan play two warm-up matches — one each versus South Africa and Sri Lanka in Thiruvananthapuram and Guwahati on September 29 and October 3, respectively.

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• **Sunday:** 10/09/2023 • **Year:** Shobhakruta • **Ayana:** Dakshinayana • **Ritu:** Varsha • **Masa:** Nija Shravana • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Ekadasi 10.05 pm • **Nakshatra:** Punarvasu 7.01 pm • Moon in Kataka Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 04:30 pm to 06:00pm • **Gulikakala:** 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

WEATHER

MIN 21°C | MAX 29°C

FORECAST Passing showers. Overcast

Sunrise 6.08 am
Sunset 6.24 pm
Moonrise 2.08 am
Moonset 3.27 pm

MAN BEHIND THE TALES

MESSAGE THROUGH STORIES

Historian demands a memorial of Durgasimha in a Gadag village, the original Panchatantra author

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

As children, we all remember resting our heads on the laps of our grandparents, listening to fables, and being mesmerised. Those tales form a significant part of the growing-up years. Somehow, when many incidents and facts slip out of our memories, those stories and the characters remain with us.

Of them, the ageless and timeless set of stories is that of Panchatantra. Some history professors proffer Durgasimha of Savadi village in Ron taluk in Gadag district as the original author, and the stories were translated into innumerable languages, Indian and foreign.

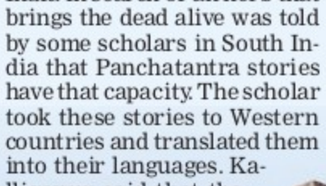
After Durgasimha, Vishnu Sharma and Vasubhaga later wrote some more stories.

Pundalik Kalliganur, an author of history books from North Karnataka, demanded that the state and central governments build a memorial of Durgasimha so that the youth and future generations remember the creator of the immortal tales.

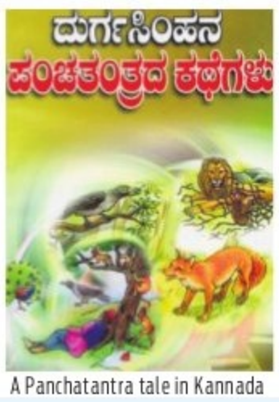
Durgasimha lived in Trimurteshwar temple of Savadi village in Gadag village, known as Sayyadi in 1025 BC.

Kalliganur said that Vishnu Sharma and Vasubhag Bhatta might have written around 60 stories but Durgasimha had written a total of 65 stories which were edited according to the old Sayyadi style and translated into Kannada.

Gadag's historian and professor Dattaprasanna Patil said, "Panchatantra was originally written by Vishnu Sharma but the stories were translated into Kannada by Durgasimha. Now that the stories are famous worldwide, we are demanding a memorial of Durgasimha at Savadi which will inspire many in Ron when they know that the famous Panchatantra stories have a connection to their place."



A Panchatantra book in English



A Panchatantra tale in Kannada

A scholar or sage who came to India in search of an herb that brings the dead alive was told by some scholars in South India that Panchatantra stories have that capacity. The scholar took these stories to Western countries and translated them into their languages. Kalliganur said that the stories were from Durgasimha.

"We should be proud that the author of Panchatantra stories was from Ron. A memorial of Durgasimha should be made in Savadi as it is an important tourist place. Many people in Gadag and Ron are still unaware of the history and importance of these places," Kalliganur said.

Prashant Shabadimath, a prominent book publisher in Gadag said, "Many people who read the Panchatantra stories did not know that Durgasimha was the author. We have published many Panchatantra series in both English and Kannada. These stories are also published in almost all languages in India by many publications."

Writer-journalist Shivakumar Kushtagi of Savadi village said, "We have submitted applications to the officials concerned many times for permission for a memorial of Durgasimha. We request the ministers and officials concerned to take action."

Shashidhar Baluchagi, a lecturer from Gajendragad, said, "During the 90s, we would devour the Panchatantra stories in English and Kannada. Many would visit Bengaluru those days to search for Panchatantra stories by different publications. We are happy to know that its author is from a village in Gadag and we are proud of that."

Panchatantra is an ancient collection of animal fables that contain a moral message.

1 Some of the famous stories are Tortoise and the Geese, Jackal & the Drum

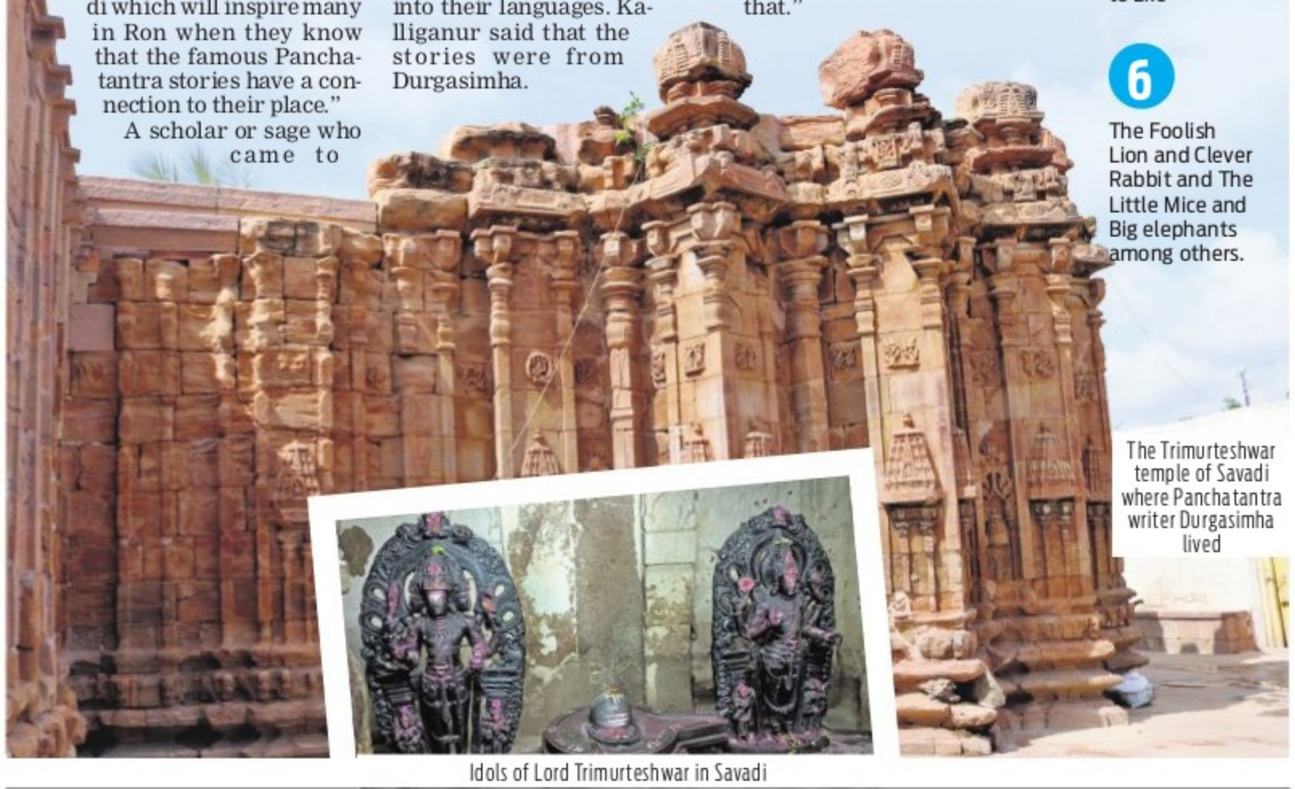
2 The Sparrow and a Banyan Tree, The Tiger and the Woodpecker

3 The Crane and the Crab, The Bed Bug

4 The Wild Elephants, Unity is Strength, Sharkhan & Cave

5 The Mongoose and Brahmin's Wife, The Lion That Sprang to Life

6 The Foolish Lion and Clever Rabbit and The Little Mice and Big elephants among others.


The Trimurteshwar temple of Savadi where Panchatantra writer Durgasimha lived

Idols of Lord Trimurteshwar in Savadi

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Jumbo strides to Dasara

45 days ahead of the grand Mysuru Dasara procession, Dasara elephants were received from their respective camps and given a ceremonial reception in Mysuru. TNIE photojournalist **Udayashankar S** captures the mood. The elephants reached Mysuru on September 1 and were housed at Aranya Bhavan before they were formally welcomed at the Palace. A total of 14 elephants were chosen by the Forest Department for Dasara and were brought from their jungle camps to participate in the procession. This year, the 'Jamboo Savari' will be led by the 57-year-old Abhimanyu from the Mathigodu camp and will be carrying the golden howdah. The other jumbos are Vijaya, Varalakshmi, Arjuna, Dhananjaya, Mahendra, Bheema, Gopi, Prashanth, Sugriva, Kanjan, Rohit, Lakshmi, and Hiranya. Mysuru is gearing up for the ten-day Nada Habba celebrations that will be held from Oct 15 to 24.

Permission for Ganesh pandal made easier with single window system

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A single window system has been set up in 63 sub-divisions across eight BBMP zones, to give prior permissions to install Ganesha pandals. Various stakeholders like the BBMP, Bengaluru Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM), police and fire departments will be deciding on according permissions under one roof to install Ganesha pandals.

Nodal officers related to the respective departments have been deputed at monitoring centres, and those installing the Ganesha idol can apply with the necessary documents to get the no objection letter from all concerned departments, from Monday onwards.

The officials concerned have been directed to identify immersion places in the wards under the corporation for disposing of large-sized idols and publicizing the information about these places. If necessary, arrangements will be made for immersion by mobile vehicle within the ward.

Officials at sub-divisions will also have to make arrangements for the segregation of waste generated after the festival, like flowers, leaves and plastic products, and send it to wet and dry waste collection centres. They have also been tasked with making other arrangements such as safety and security at Kalyanis and keeping a separate teams of swimmers ready. The Palike officials said that teams will be formed in each zone to implement the plastic ban order and penalties will be imposed as per rules, if anyone is found selling or using single-use plastic.

Earlier, the BBMP Commissioner had said that manufacturing of Ganesha idols using chemical dyes, thermocol and plaster of Paris is completely prohibited and the BBMP Sub Divisional Nodal Officers and other officials should personally inspect, and take proper action against violators. Officers have also been asked to encourage idol manufacturers to make eco-friendly Ganesha idols.

Commissioner encourages public transport to ease parking woes

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

"Parking be made a paid activity," appealed a Cunningham Road resident, raising concern regarding all-day parking as it is occupying valuable space in the area during 'Sanchara Samparka Divasa' on Saturday. In response, Police Commissioner B Dayananda, assured action on this matter and encouraged people to rely on public transport to alleviate parking issues.

The meeting primarily focused on addressing issues of increasing congestion on roads and footpath parking, citing concerns that it obstructs pedestrian movement. During the meeting, Rajini Korah, a faculty member at Mount Carmel College, raised concerns about various issues, such as extended auto stands, one-way service roads, and absence of railings on footpaths.

In response, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) MN Anucheth suggested implementing a feeder bus service from the parking ground to the college, making it easier for people to utilize the space efficiently. Additionally, he proposed the construction of a Multi-Level Car Parking facility as a long-term solution. Expanding the feeder bus network would benefit both students and residents, reducing the need for parking outside residential areas.

Rajkumar Duggar, the founder of Citizens4Citizens, expressed his concerns regarding the rising noise levels and pollution. He also appealed for better coordination and support from other agencies, including BBMP.

Citizens called for stricter regulations against commercial establishments operating after 1 am, as late-night activities are causing disturbance. They also appealed for improved traffic regulations due to round-the-clock congestion, making it challenging to walk in the neighbourhood.

EXPRESS READ

Jyothi Sanjeevini benefits for teachers

Bengaluru: Speaking at the inauguration of the State Level Teacher's Day and Teacher's State Conference of the Karnataka State Aided Primary School Teachers' Association in Bengaluru on Saturday, Karnataka Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said that the state government will discuss and plan to extend the benefits of the Jyoti Sanjeevini health insurance scheme to the teachers of government aided schools. Currently, this scheme benefits govt employees, and covers seven broad categories including oncology, neurology, renal, neonatal and pediatric, among others. He would also discuss with the CM to simplify the renewal process for aided government schools.

Regular counselling helps cut suicide attempts

NAMRATA SINDWANI @Bengaluru

With proper care, counselling, and regular follow-ups, people are less likely to re-attempt suicide after initial rescue, observed mental health experts.

With the World Suicide Prevention Day observed on September 10, Dr Anish V Cherian, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatric Social Work, (NIMHANS) highlighted the need for more youth-based mental health literacy programmes to reduce the suicide cases among youngsters. He is also the principal investigator for Urban Self Harm Study (USHAS) that was initiated to study attempt to suicide cases to prevent the rising numbers.

Karnataka health department has recorded 2,865 attempt-to-suicide cases since October 2022, across five major hospitals in Bengaluru, and 15 of those people were observed to have re-attempted to end their life.

Dr Rajini P, deputy director (mental health), told TNSE that this initiative was started in association with National Health Mission (NHM) and National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) as a pilot study, focusing on five hospitals in the city to meticulously follow suicide cases and understand the psyche of patients, along with regular follow ups to ensure they do not reattempt a suicide.

Doctors have observed that people are seen attempting to end their life over issues like being scolded by parents, or issues with their partner. Counselling helped identify that attempts to end life are made due to lack of coping strategies.

Dr Cherian observed that currently, 60 per cent of the attempt to suicide cases are recorded are among youngsters.

With 1.64 lakh suicide cases recorded in the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) 2021 data, he called it a public health concern, and suggested surveillance and counselling for people prone to suicide. Family and friends play a major role in supporting them emotionally.

Karnataka health department data has shown that the District Mental Health Programme, has been helpful in reducing the number of cases.

If you are feeling depressed and want to seek help, call: Suicide prevention SAHAI - **0802549777,** Arogya Sahayavani - **104,** Parivartan Counselling Helpline Service - **7676602602,** Sai Mudra Yuva Helpline **- 988039633,** and Vandana **- 08045901234**

In 2021-22 14,048 cases were recorded and in 2022-23 it reduced to 13,763. In 2023-24 5,762 cases were recorded (till August)

Three persons escaped unhurt after a car they were travelling in caught fire on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway near Srirangapatna on Saturday. Passersby informed the fire service department and personnel rushed to the spot and doused the fire

Federation firm on Monday bandh

Autos, cabs, private buses not to ply from Sunday midnight, some schools declare holiday

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Federation of Karnataka State Private Transport Associations is firm on its decision to go ahead with "Bengaluru bandh" on Monday in support of its demands.

This is likely to affect a large number of Bengalureans who depend on private vehicles such as buses, cabs and autorickshaws to commute. Schoolchildren are also likely to be hit as owners and drivers of private school buses and vans have extended their support to the bandh called by the federation. Many schools in the city have declared a holiday on Monday.

"While many private schools have declared a holiday on Monday, some haven't. Parents have been asked to drop and pick their children from schools if they are open," said D Shashi Kumar, general secretary, Associated Management of Primary and Secondary Schools, Karnataka.

With the federation announcing that there will be no private mode of transport in Bengaluru from Sunday midnight to Monday midnight, BMTC buses and Metro services are expected to be crowded.

The federation said that it has not received any response from the state government on fulfilling its demands such as compensation for the loss incurred by its members because of the Shakti scheme, ban on bike taxis and to regulate app-based raid-hailing private aggregators.

Members of the federation were seen at prominent places across the city such as Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station, Jayanagar, Kalasipalya and Cantonment requesting auto and cab drivers to support their bandh call.

Nataraj Sharma, nominated president of the federation, said, "The federation has the support of 36 affiliate unions." Tanveer Pasha of Ola, Uber Drivers and Owners' Association said that the association will support the federation's bandh call. He, however, added that the association leaves it to the discretion of drivers whether to operate or not.

There are over seven lakh private vehicles operating in the state. There are over 1.6 lakh airport cabs. Even if drivers of one lakh airport cabs take part in the bandh, the government will feel the heat, Sharma said.

"Our intention is not to cause inconvenience to the public. All we want is the government to fulfil our demands. We will not withdraw our protest until our demands are met," he said.

City top cop's stern warning

Police Commissioner B Dayananda said that his department had talks with officials of the Transport Department. "We will deploy adequate police personnel across the city. Those who force drivers of cabs, autos and private buses, who are willing to operate, to take part in the bandh will be dealt with strictly. We will provide protection to cab, auto and private bus drivers who are willing to work. Strict action will be taken against those who take law into their hands," he said.

More BMTC buses

Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) will operate additional buses on Monday in view of the Federation for Karnataka State Private Transport Associations' bandh call. If the situation demands, the government will run KSRTC buses for the convenience of Bengalureans. Employees of BMTC and KSRTC have been asked not to take leave on Monday. The bus corporations have been directed by Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy to run additional buses to areas where factories, offices, schools and colleges are located.

Smoke emanates from Air India flight, creates panic

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

SMOKE emanated from an Air India flight that landed at the Kempegowda International Airport on Friday night while the crew was carrying out regular maintenance check. The smoke was immediately attended to by firefighters at the airport and the airline engineer crew. The same flight later headed to Mumbai after some delay.

The incident occurred around 9 pm on Friday at Gate 10 of Terminal 2 of the airport and is said to have created panic for some time as the flight was cordoned off and the ground staff was asked to move to a safe location.

Rohit Prakash, a passenger on a Vistara flight departing around the same time from T2 told TNIE, "My flight was taxiing for take-off around 9.30 pm when I saw the space around the Air India flight was cordoned off. Smoke was seen emanating from the Auxiliary Power Unit of the tail of the aircraft. Apron Control Vehicles were at the spot. The fire engines were around and water cannons were being used to douse the smoke."

"It must have taken 15 minutes. The aerobridge as well as the ladder to the flight, an A320 model, was seen attached to it. Our boarding gate was D11 while it was D10 for Air India passengers," Prakash, a banker, added. He shot videos and photographs of the incident and posted it on social media platform X.

Firetenders were pressed into service after smoke started emanating from an Air India flight at Bengaluru airport on Friday night | SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

> **My flight was taxiing for take-off when I saw the space around the Air India flight was cordoned off. Smoke was seen emanating from Auxiliary Power Unit of the tail of the aircraft**
>
> Rohit Prakash, banker

Air India sources told TNIE that after all the passengers from Mumbai disembarked the flight at Bengaluru airport on Friday night, the airline crew took up regular maintenance as per protocol. "During the check, our engineers found that the flight had some heating issues due to which smoke developed. The airport authorities immediately called for fire tenders," a source said.

The source said after the technical issue was resolved, the aircraft left for Mumbai and no one was affected because of the incident.

Traffic police net ₹9.2 cr in fines from 2.9 lakh cases

Bengaluru: The Bengaluru Traffic police have collected Rs 9.2 crore as fines from 2.9 lakh pending cases as of September 9. In August, the traffic police recorded 59.66 lakh traffic violations under various categories. Among these, riding without a helmet topped the list as one of the most frequently observed infractions in Bengaluru, as per the traffic department's statistics. Other common violations included entering no-entry zones, incorrect parking, riding with a pillion passenger without a helmet, and jumping traffic signals. The Karnataka State Legal Services Authority and the transport department on July 6 granted a third opportunity for a 50% discount on pending e-challans related to traffic violations registered on or before February 11. This order provided an extended deadline until September 9 for offenders to resolve their fines at a reduced rate. Under the 50% rebate scheme, nearly Rs 140 crore has been collected by traffic police. **ENS**

POLICE NAB TRIO FOR ROBBING BUS COMMUTERS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Kamakshipalya police have nabbed three men who targeted bus and train commuters, mainly daily wage workers and labourers, by offering them affordable pool-cab services and robbing them of their valuables after assaulting them.

The police said the three — Nanjunda, Girish, and the driver Naveen Kumar — would use the car belonging to Naveen Kumar and wait near bus stands and railway stations in the city. They would take advantage of daily wage workers and labourers who sought pool cab services to reach their destinations. They allegedly lured them with rates lower than those offered by other pool cabs.

While Naveen Kumar drove the car, Nanjunda and Girish posed as passengers. The destinations would be along Magadi Road. Unsuspecting victims took their service, falling for their lower rates. The victims would then be taken to isolated locations off Magadi Road where they would be assaulted, robbed and abandoned.

The accused trio had been following this modus operandi for quite some time, the police said. However, their luck ran out on September 2. The trio had targeted a daily wage worker (name withheld) who was assaulted, robbed and abandoned in Kamakshipalya. Following his complaint, the Kamakshipalya police laid out a trap near bus stands and railway stations and nabbed the trio on September 5.

Three mobile phones, one gold earring, Rs 10,000 in cash was found in their possession besides the four-wheeler used in the crimes.

A case has been registered with Kamakshipalya police station under IPC Section 397 (robbery).

EXPRESS READ

Transport dept books over 2k cases against Porter, collects Rs 1 cr penalty

Bengaluru: The Transport Department, which has started cracking down on logistics start-up company Porter for allegedly operating in Bengaluru without getting a goods carriage licence, has collected Rs 1 crore by booking over 2,000 cases. Speaking to TNIE, Additional Commissioner for Transport (Enforcement) C Mallikarjun said, "Porter is operating in Bengaluru without obtaining any valid licences. The company should have obtained the goods carriage permit, but is operating without it." Porter has been providing cargo movement services across the city and the vehicles are also seen displaying advertisements of the company which is against the law, Mallikarjun said. **ENS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **K. Praveen kumar** aged about 51 years S/o. K. Murali Mohan residing at #56, 4th main, Shivshankar layout, Kattigenahalli, Bangalore North, Yelahanka have Lost **ORIGINAL SALE DEED** No.894/1997-98 Dated 08/10/1997 registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Nelamangala, Bangalore rural situated at Nelamangala Measuring : Total measuring 19 acres 32 guntas bounded on : **East by : Road, West by : village road, North by : Someone else's property, South by : someone else Property,** has been misplaced / lost, while travelling, could not trace the same.
In this regard I have lodged the Police Complaint vide Lost Report No. 0720563/2023 dated 09/09/2023 with Hebbal Police Station, Bengaluru City. If anybody found please **Call : 9986003061**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mr. Rahul Kumar,** S/o. Mr. Champalal and Mr. Champalal, S/o. Late Kewalchand Jain, Both are residing at No.15/2, Mutton Stall Cross Road, Mavalli, Bengaluru – 560 004 intends to buy the property mentioned in the schedule here below from its owner Sri. C.K. Purushotham, S/o. Sri. C. Krishnama Naidu, Residing at No.609, Om Sri Residency, Flat No.407, 2nd Block, Opp: Corporation Bank Uttarahalli, Bengaluru - 560061 and if anyone has got any claim or right over the same may be pleased to intimate me within in **10 days** of this public notice failing which my client will proceed to buy the same and if any one comes with a claim after the execution of sale deed my client will not be responsible for the same.
SCHEDULE
_All that piece and parcel of the Residential House Property Municipal No.29/2, Yellappa Lane, Mavalli Bangalore, Old BBMP Ward No.61, New Ward No.143, having PID No.61-23-29/2, Old Property No.36 (21), New No.36, Situated in Krumbigal Road, 24th Division, Bangalore City Measuring East to West 30-0 feet and North to South 60-0 Feet, totally Measuring 1800 Sq. feet, together with Ground Floor 17 (Seventeen) Squares, First Floor 17 (Seventeen) Squares, totally 3400 Squares of R.C.C Roofed Red Oxide Flooring, good and jungle wood doors and windows, cement and brick walls with all civic amenities like electricity, water, sanitary Connections and bounded on the:
East by : Portion belongs to Smt. Uma Devi and Sri. Narasimha Rao, **West by :** Smt. Naseerunnisa Property, **North by :** Yellappa Lane, **South by :** Moulvi Md. Yusuff Saheb's House.
Mariappa M S B.A.L., LLB, Advocate Chambers: Mariappa M S & Associates
No. 7 3rd Floor, Kasturi Apartment, 35/11, Langford Road Cross, Shanthinagar, Bangalore -560 025. Mob; 9448215941

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, MADURAI
O.A. No. 24 / 2023
Punjab National Bank,
Circle Sastra, Coimbatore.
... Applicant Bank
Vs
Mr. R. Manjunatha, S/o. Rangappa, **Prop. SVN Clothing,** 38, Panwar Bhavan, Chinnana Gowda Layout, Opp. To RSSSN Bank, Attibele, Bangalore. ....Defendant
NOTICE
Take notice that the Applicant Bank has filed **O.A. No. 24 / 2023** on the file of DRT, Madurai for recovery of the amount due to it together with current and future contracted rate of interest, costs, charges and other relief's. The above mentioned defendant is hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble Tribunal in person or through an Advocate on **06.10.2023** at **10.30 A.M.** before DRT, Madurai, 4/162, 3rd & 4th Floor, Kalyani Towers, Madurai Melur Road, Near Meenakshi Mechine Hospital, Uthankudi, Madurai - 07 without fail. The defendants are requested to submit their defense in support of their contention and to show cause on **06.10.2023** at **10.30 A.M.** as to why the applicant prays for relief should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default of your appearance, you will be set ex-parte and the O.A will be proceeded in your absence as per law.
S. Rengasamy, B.A.,B.L., Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that my client **Mrs. K Renu Rao,** residing at B-203, Miraya Rose by UKN Siddapura Village, Bangalore-66, has lost or misplaced the original sale deed dated 16-5-2016, registered as Document No. 1172/16-17, Book 1, CD No. INRD 169, at the office of the Sub Registrar, Indiranagar, Bangalore, pertaining to residential unit No. 203 in B Block, Second Floor of building "**MIRAYA ROSE BY UKN**", measuring 4,400 Sq.ft. of super built up area, with right to use Two (2) Covered Car Parking Spaces in the Basement Floor and the building is situated at Survey No.66/1 (Old No.66), of Siddapura Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk. The above mentioned owner has filed online police complaint under Sec 155 of CrPC (lost article report) on 9-9-2023, vide serial No. 720264. Any person having found/obtained the said document is hereby requested to return the same to the undersigned or to the above named owner. If anybody acts on the above mentioned documents, my client Mrs. K Renu Rao will not be responsible for future course of action and the persons involved in the said act shall alone be held liable for the same and will be penalized in accordance with law, if the same is misused.
Date: 09/09/2023
Place: Bangalore
SARITHA RAMESH, Advocate,
#183, Phase 1, Vakil Whispering Woods Marasur Post, Bangalore-560 106
Mob: No. 98456 83656 / 9482872643

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner **Sri.Alexander Lawerance,** S/o.late S.K.Alexander, Residing at:No:279/A, Alex Villa, K.R.R.Layout, Murgeshpalya, **BANGALORE-560 017.** Having acquired the same by way of Release Deed dated **17.09.2004.**
If anyone having Claim, right over the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** may intimate the same to the undersigned within 07 Days failing which it will be deemed that nobody else has claim over the property.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property UNDIVIDED share, right, title and interest in all that piece and parcel of residential premises bearing khata New No.279/A, constructed in Vacant **Site No.4,** I-Cross, H.A. Sanitary Board, Old Katha No.279, situated at Kodandarama Reddy Garden, Murugeshpalya, Hamlet of Konena Agrahara, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore, In all measuring **East to West 43 feet + 40 feet/2 or 13.10 Mtrs /2 North To south 30 feet 9.14 Mtrs** together with building ground plus one floor. And Bounded on:
East by : Private Land,
West by : Site No. 5
North by : Property No. 2
South by : I Cross
B.B.SUDHIR, Advocate.
No:334, 09th Main, 14th Cross, Indiranagar, BANGALORE-560038
Mob:98450 22593

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(Construction Organisation)
E-Tender Notice No. 43-CECNMS-23-E-366987-II Dated 06-09-2023
E-Tender Notice No. 44-CECNMS-23-E-340917-II Dated 08-09-2023
For and on behalf of The President of India, The Chief Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Egmore, Chennai 600 008 invites e-tender for the following work(s) as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in our portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** The tenderers/Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal www.ireps.gov.in and only online tenders will be accepted.
Name of the Work:
Proposed New BG line between TINDIVANAM and NAGARI (via) WJR Proposed Construction of Left over works in Major Bridges between Walaja Road to Nagari from Km 120900 to Km 184920 (a) CH 130109.00, 3 x 12.20 PSC 1 Girder, (b) CH 140080.00, 6 x 12.20 PSC I Girder (c) CH 146600.00, 5 x 9.14 PSC Slab, (d) CH 157212.00, 4 x 12.20 PSC I Girder (e) CH 162058.27, 5 x 12.20 PSC I Girder (f) CH 162906.41, 2 x 12.20 PSC I Girder and (g) CH 165871.78, 2x 12.20 PSC I Girder.
PERAMBUR - Extension of Wheel & Tyre shop. (TWO PACKET SYSTEM)

Cash Value (Rupees)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees)	Period of Completion (Months)	Closing Date @ 15.30 Hrs
79946978.27	549700.00	11	04-10-2023
159445804.30	947200.00	12	04-10-2023

For further details, please refer to web site portal www.ireps.gov.in or contact Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, Construction, E.V.R. High Road, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008.
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POSSESSION NOTICE
Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** (Formerly known as Janalakshmi Financial Services Limited)., under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrower(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and/ or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	45349420000104 & 47519430001700	1) Mr. Hemanth Kumar L, 2) M/s. Shree Hari Precision Products Pvt. Ltd., 3) Mrs. Manjamma L	25-02-2023 Rs.21,89,111.86 (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand One Hundred Eleven and Eighty Six Paisa Only) due as on 20-02-2023	Date: 05-09-2023 Time: 01:05 P.M. Symbolic Possession
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No.261A, present Khatha No.267, formed in Sy.No.58/1, 58/2, situated at Madanayakanahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, and **Bounded on: East by:** Site No.262, **West by:** Site No.261, **North by:** D.R.L Property. **South by:** Road. Measuring East to West: 15 Feet or 4.57 Mtrs and North to South: 40 Feet or 12.19 Mtrs. Totally measuring 600 Square Feet or 55.70 Square Metres.			

Whereas, the Borrower's/ Co-borrowers'/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken symbolic possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured Assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore	Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date: 10.09.2023	For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)
Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Notice is hereby given by **Dr. George John Varuvelil,** stating that the Original Sale Deed of the Previous owner late **T. M. Viswanath** with **M/s John Fowler (India) Ltd. & M/s Raheja Development Corporation,** dated 05/08/1997, Registered as document No. 3397/1997-98 for his Apt No. D 009 situated at the Ground floor of D (Olive) Block, Raheja Residency, 3rd Block Koramangala Bangalore - 560034, is lost/misplaced. The loss of the document has been reported on **08/09/2023.** If anyone has found it kindly hand over the same on the following address: No. 330,1st A Main, 8th block, Koramangala, Bangalore -560095.
Ph: 9845025710

PUBLIC NOTICE
BEFORE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY
Please take notice that my clients 1) Mrs. K S Shashikala W/o G S Narayana Prasad and 2) Ajay G N S/o G S Narayan Prasad, have entered into negotiations with Mr. B K Muniraju and Mr. Venkatesh for and family (Owners), for the purchase of the agricultural land described in Schedule (herein after referred to as the "Properties"), owned and occupied by the Owners more particularly described in the "Schedule" written hereunder.
In view of the above, my aforementioned clients hereby give notice to the public at large and calls upon all or any person/s who have any right, title, interest in the said property prejudicial to the interest of the Owners and/or who have already filed any suit, claim, dispute, petition, appeal or other like proceedings or obtained any decree, award or other order concerning the subject matter of the said property or who intend to file any such proceedings as described above for enforcing their right in the said property, to submit all their objections and claims in writing along with supportive documentary proofs thereof, to the undersigned within a period of ten (10) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it will be presumed that no adverse claims or objections concerning the said property exist or if they do exist, they stand waived hereinafter; and in such event my clients will proceed to complete the transaction of sale as envisaged by both the parties. Please note.
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing Sy. No. 266/4 measuring 1 acre 6 guntas and Sy. No. 266/3 measuring 1 acre 5 guntas (5 guntas of karab), situated at Kodiyala karenahalli, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk.
VIVEK RAVIPRAKASH, Advocate
Spandana Law Associates, No. 312/A, 1st Floor, 1st Main, 8th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru 560070
Email – vivekadvocate541@gmail.com
Date : 09.09.2023 Place : Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **1) Attar Syed Mustafa Hussain, 2) Attar Syed Muntaha Hussain, 3) Attar Syed Murtuza Hussain, 4) Tanzeela Zafreen Hussain, 5) Attar Syed Meeran Hussain,** are the absolute owners of the property bearing No. 2, Madarsab Lane, Bengaluru-560002, PID No. 29-116-2, having lost the original documents of the property which are Khatha Certificate, Family Tree, Sale Deed, Sale Affidavit, Khatah Certificate in respect of above stated property the documents which are lost during travelling to the office and a police complaint under section 155 of Cr.P.C lost article report dated 07-09-2023 to the Basavanagudi police station Bengaluru.
If any person got the same he/she may return the same to the above persons and they will be rewarded for it, failing to get the documents my clients will treat the certified copies of the said documents as original.
RIYAZ AHMED SHERIFF
Advocates and solicitors Chamber
No. 10/1, 1st Floor, Lalbagh Fort Road, Basappa Circle, Kalasipalyam, Bangalore–560 002.
Mob: 9741409224

TO-LET
For Rent or Sale RR Nagar office / Warehouse Land 4800 sqft constitutied ground and first 2400 each next to Stanza living400 Mtrs from Patanagere metro station and Global village main gate
Industrial / Warehouse building 20000sqft land 30500 near Nelmangala RTO from Tumkur Road 2.5 kms
CONTACT : 9480640000/998688838 snnaidu@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Harsh Behl S/o Naressh S Behl, aged 21, R/o # 1202, 2nd floor, Amongh Sudarsan, 6th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bangalore-27 shall change birth date & place of birth to 11/10/2001 & Pune resp, at court decree dated 13.4.2023 in City Civil & Sessions Court Bangalore.

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
State:Karnataka Ph No: 08533-271361
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL No.2 Canal Division, Oddarahatti
No.EE/KNNL/CD.2/TS-2/2023-24/782 Date: 07-09-2023
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through e-procurement system)
On behalf of the Managing Director KNNL Bangalore the Executive Engineer No.2 Division Odderahatti the undersigned invites in www.e-proc.kar.nic.in percentage basis tenders in **Two Cover System under H/A 2701 ManPower (Sub Division wise Four Works under the division 1) Supply of Man Power to No2 T.R.Sub Division Agalkera work Amount put to Tender Rs:** 134.36 **Lakhs EMD Rs** 2.02 **Lakhs 2) Supply of Man Power to No 1 Canal Sub Division Odderahatti Camp Work Amount Put to Tender Rs** 196.72 **lakhs EMD Rs** 3.00 **Lakhs 3) Supply of Man Power to D-31 Canal Sub Division Karatagi Work Amount Put To Tender Rs 189.65 Lakhs EMD Rs 2.85 Lakhs 4) Supply of Man Power to No 2 Canal Sub Division Karatagi Work Amount Put To Tender Rs 178.80 Lakhs EMD Rs 2.69 Lakhs** from the registered in the Department of Labour. Pre bid meeting on **15-09-2023** at CE KNNL Irrigation Central Zone Munirabad **the** last date for submission of tender Document upto **20-09-2023** upto 4.30 PM from web site (https://KPPP. Karnataka.gov.in) & Date of Opening Technical Bid (Cover-I) **21-09-2023** at 5.00 PM & Financial Bid (Cover II) on **25-09-2023** at 11.00 AM or after obtaining approval to technical bid. The Officer competent to accept the tender shall have the right to reject any all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. For more information at undersigned in all working days during office hours on telephone No-08533271361
Sd/- Executive Engineer KNNL No.2 Canal Division Odderahatti
DIPR/Koppal/135/2023-24/DeshpandePublicity

यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया **Union Bank of India**
Regional Office: 2254, "Koushalya", 3rd Floor, South Wing, Vinoba Road, Mysore - 570 005
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties charged/mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/ Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Union Bank of India (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union Bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s)& Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

Union Bank Of India, Bidadi Branch, Mysore-Bangalore Road, Near Bus Stand, Bidadi, Bengaluru – 562109	
Name & Address of the Borrowers & Guarantor/s	Amount due Rs.
1. **Mr. Chidananda C** S/o Cheluvaiah, # 42, Vrushabhavathipura Village, Ittamadu Post, Near Railway Station, Bidadi. 2. **Mrs. Mangalagowramma** W/o Cheluvaiah,# 42, Vrushabhavathipura Village, Ittamadu Post, Near Railway Station, Bidadi.	Rs. 33,16,731/-
All the Part and Parcel of Residential House in the Name of Chidananda C, Bearing Plot No. 152900401300100626, Old Kanesumari No. 23/346, Katha No-21/23/346, Vrushabhavathipura Village, Ittamadu Post, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara. Measuring E-W: 10.668ft, N-S: 16.764ft, Total: 178.838 Sqft. **Bounded By:** East: House of Mahadevaiah, West: Road, North: Road, South: Private Propety. **Date & Time of E-Auction: on 13/10/2023 @ 12.00 Noon to 05.00PM. Reserve Price: 40,38,000/-. Earnest money to be deposited: Rs. 4,04,000/-.**	

For detailed terms and condition of the sale and registration and login and bidding rules visit: please refer to the link provided https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp, https://www.unionbankofindia.co.in//english/TendelViewAllAuction.aspx
Date: 08-09-2023
Place: Mysore
Sd/- Authorized Officer Union Bank of India

The Association of Karnataka Microfinance Institutions (AKMi) is organising 'The Microfinance Karnataka Summit – 2023', on Tuesday to highlight the growth of the Microfinance Industry in Karnataka. An impact study that has been turned into a book, 'Microfinance in Karnataka – Sector Report 2023,' by N Srinivasan, former Chief General Manager, NABARD, will be released by Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara

'SHARING FEELINGS WITH CLOSE ONES BETTER THAN FORMAL THERAPY TO PREVENT SUICIDES'

IF you are unable to solve a problem and overcome a tense situation even after 48 hours, then you should not hesitate to seek help. In most cases, sharing feelings with close ones is better than formal therapy. Cases of suicide are more in urban areas compared to rural parts as the support system is stronger in the latter, and suicides are much higher where male chauvinism is high, says **Dr Ajit V Bhide**, well-known consultant psychiatrist and former president, Indian Psychiatric Society. In conversation with *TNSE* to mark the World Suicide Prevention Day on Sunday, Dr Bhide says therapy as a procedure is expensive and the government should invest significantly in making therapists accessible across the country to prevent suicides. Excerpts:

What is the reason for the increase in suicides cases?
When a society does not have a clear set of values and it keeps changing, it leads to moral corruption causing unrest in a person's soul and mind. It creates a massive disequilibrium driving people to desperate acts. Idealism and devotion to work have largely eroded among people, especially in the last 50 years. We live in a society where dissonance is not allowed, causing unrest among people more than earlier.

Would you call suicide a desperate act?
In most cases yes. Enough research is available to suggest that people who have survived a suicide attempt are likely to have said, "I wish I did not do that" or "I wish I knew there was a way out". People suffer from distress, followed by helplessness and hopelessness. A person's ability to take drastic measures like attempting suicide becomes much higher.

Are some people more prone to committing suicide? How does one build resilience?
Depression is an illness of emotions. People more prone to suicide go through multiple emotions — sadness, anger or irritation. People having a clear history of depression, family loading of depression or are genetically determined are forerunners of suicide. Resilience comes from an early stage and can be strengthened over time.

What is the psyche of celebrities dying by suicide?
Celebrities live a glamorous life. Showbiz is all about attention. If they do not gain success on multiple occasions, they tend to get disappointed.

How does lack of parental support and communication trigger suicidal tendencies?
Parental and peer pressure pushes people into careers and even marriages. Often the pressure of pursuing a particular career by parents pains the children and drives people wanting to take their lives.

What are the early symptoms of depression among children that parents can look out for?
Tendency of complete withdrawal from social interactions, lack of interest in regular activities, feeling forced to stay at home, irregular sleep, loss of appetite, even excessive rebelliousness can be indicators in certain cases.

How prevalent is mobile addiction among children? Is that also the cause?
Suicides among children have increased. Internet-enabled devices are responsible for making children very rigid. It is a sign of emotional immaturity. Even the addiction to pornograpy is linked to internet addiction, which is very high now. Though it is not an accurate indicator for suicidal behaviour, it is a measure that compromises people in life.

What role does 'nature vs nurture 'play?
With major depressive illness, genetic contribution is about 80% and environmental contribution is about 20%. However, with impulsive suicide, genetic contribution is only 5-10%. Most commonly we imitate the behaviour of our parents or people around us. Being surrounded by a toxic environment at home makes a person more prone to poor mental health. The Nature vs Nurture controversy will not be resolved in our lifetime, but both contribute to people's suicidal tendencies.

Isn't suicide among small school-going children a cause of concern?
It is very uncommon to see small children committing suicide. The youngest case in my professional career at NIMHANS was an 8-year-old who attempted suicide because she was denied a visit to the circus at her convenience. It is a well-known phenomenon among youngsters hitting puberty as they are extremely vulnerable at the time.

What advice can you give to parents?
Give enough time to your child. Provide them with the right strokes and advice but don't overdo it. Correct them in private rather than making an issue of the mistake.

How should schools address these issues?
Schools must look after the academic development of children and ensure fairness while dealing with them. Teachers should not be very harsh and abusive. Schools must have an infrastructure to provide counselling to students. Beyond schools, the support system at home is much more responsible for counselling students. Cold wars at home, domestic violence and constant bickering among parents harms the child much more. Familial factors contribute more to suicides among children than school factors.

Do joint families have a positive impact, compared to nuclear families?
The joint family is a 'lost paradise' now. They significantly contribute in providing an alternate social and emotional support when parents are not available. Nuclear families can also imbibe that and not transfer their personal pressures on to the child.

What is the importance of gatekeepers in preventing suicide?
Gatekeepers are the ones who are trained to pick up signs of suicide early and disallow the individual from taking the extreme step. The concept of gatekeepers was first written about in the 1980s, but it got attention much later and has now become an important facet.

What about suicide pacts and some influenced by cults?

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One is romantic lovers (married and unmarried) committing suicide as they do not have the approval of their parents. Postpartum depression is three times more than the normal depression where she (the young mother) kills the child first and then commits suicide. This is preventable. The other is the case where the man of the house who is in an economic crisis, kills the children, his wife and then commits suicide. There are also cases where the whole family travels to a faraway place from their native and commits suicide. This is known but is not common. Many die in a mass murder-suicide by consuming poison-laced drinks at the order of a cult. This is horrible and the cults engaging in these kinds of acts are well-known. We cannot deny that cults can lead to many positive actions, but it is difficult to monitor all the cults. Charismatic cult leaders who do not have a strong personal structure are the ones who are likely to lead people astray.

Is suicide indicative of a lack of self-love?
While external validation has its place, it should not overwhelmingly define our success. Insufficient self-love and self-respect often indicate that a person has relied on external validation throughout their life. The constant need for validation can increase when we are used to receiving praise for the smallest achievements. When this validation is lacking, it can lead to a sense of desperation and potentially risky behaviour.

What about the lack of agencies or people to express one's problems?
Life was much simpler earlier. Our pleasures were simpler and reaching out to people for help was much easier earlier. It is a common phenomenon now that an individual might have nearly 2,000 friends on social media but not even one with whom he or she can share and confide and take the help from. We live in a terribly lonely world where many do not even know their neighbours.

Is the suicide rate higher in urban or rural areas?
Suicides are more of an urban phenomenon. In rural areas, there are many absorbing mechanisms available. Chronic mental illnesses, for instance, are accepted much better in rural India than in urban parts.

Suicides among men and women... How do they compare?
Both men and women tend to attempt suicide equally. However, 'completed suicides' are more common among men, and 'attempts to suicide' are more among women. It is not corroborated by research, but we can say that women tend to survive suicide attempts. Violent deaths like jumping off heights, gunshots and drowning are common in men; consuming phenol, insecticides or other poisonous substances present at home and overdosing on prescribed medication are common in women. Suicides are higher in states where male chauvinism is high and the women give up and commit suicide. Also, education is not a guaranteed method of preventing suicide.

What is your opinion on decriminalising suicides?
There is a separate law which makes suicide act a crime. There is a mental health act which went beyond its purview and said suicide should not be a crime, we gladly accepted that. However, suicide is a crime that has not been undone yet.

How should media report suicide cases?
Irresponsible reporting is rampant. Media, at times, constructs narratives around incidents like suicide which often discourage people from taking legal action due to constant media attention.

Should everyone undergo therapy?
Some form of introspection and sharing of things among our close ones can help better than regular, formal therapy. We require skilled counsellors and therapists. Therapy, as a procedure, is an expensive one hence the government has to invest significantly in making therapists accessible across the country. Additionally, therapists themselves may need support to manage the stress inherent in their profession.

Are enough psychiatrists available?
We do not need as many psychiatrists as we have. But we need more psychologists and counsellors. Sometimes, effective counselling and understanding the root cause of a problem becomes more necessary than solely relying on prescriptions.

Which city records the maximum number of suicides?
In areas with robust reporting systems, there tends to be a higher volume of data. Additionally, cities with larger in-transit populations, particularly major metropolitan areas, tend to experience higher cases. In some instances, individuals may choose to end their lives in a metro city to keep it from being discovered in their hometown. Kerala and Kolkata have notably high suicide rates.

Suicides are reported much more among the middle class. Do you think the lower class has some coping mechanism to deal with it?
Suicide rates are not lower in any particular social segment. Both the upper and lower strata of society often conceal such incidents more effectively. In certain cases, suicides are disguised as natural causes, such as heart attacks. In contrast, the middle class tends to be more vocal and is inclined to report such occurrences.

In recent times, people provide hints about their intentions to attempt suicide and even livestream suicides on social media...
Erring on the side of caution is preferable to downplaying such situations. While some instances may be attempts to gain attention, they should never be dismissed lightly.

What role does belief in afterlife play in suicides?
While it is a contributing factor, the overwhelming hardships in one's present life often drive someone to give up on life.

What about the family they leave behind?
A complex mix of emotions is involved, but guilt often dominates when family members think they couldn't provide the necessary help. This emotional mix may also include anger and sadness. It's essential to highlight the availability of self-help groups where suicide survivors can seek support.

Do you feel mental health should be part of the curriculum in schools?
Yes, it should be introduced from high school. Before that, students are too young to be exposed to these topics. Teachers should also possess a sensitivity towards children and awareness of learning disorders.

What about 'body-shaming'?
Body-shaming is often exaggerated. While certain comments on appearance can be distasteful, young individuals need to distinguish between genuine concern and hurtful remarks.

Many individuals, particularly those new to their professions, frequently express being overly stressed and feeling trapped with no way out. How can one effectively address this situation?
This often indicates a lack of resilience and patience. As economic demands grow, stress can escalate. Individuals should cultivate hobbies and find ways to disengage from stressors in these circumstances.

How do you cope with stress?
Theatre used to be my passion, and I also like writing and gardening. Nurturing creativity is truly essential to keep ourselves motivated and fulfilled.

Alliance talks: JDS could gain from BJP's strategy to contain Congress

POLITICS is a game of possibilities. In 2019, Congress and Janata Dal (Secular), partners in a coalition government in the state, fought the Lok Sabha polls together. The alliance proved counterproductive and they did miserably. Many big leaders, including former PM HD Deve Gowda and veteran Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge, lost elections. They won just one seat each, while BJP looked unassailable after winning 26 seats, including an independent backed by the party, out of the 28 seats.

Now, in a complete change of events, the BJP and JD(S), which suffered a big jolt in the May 10 assembly polls, seem to be forging an alliance to take on Congress in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

The JD(S)' compulsion to join hands with the BJP is understandable. It is fighting for its survival in the state and sees the Siddaramaiah-DK Shivakumar combo as a bigger threat to the party. The party failed to get the support of the minority Muslim community despite making an all-out effort. In the recent assembly polls, the community fully backed Congress, which had termed the regional party as "BJP's B-team".

On its part, the BJP seems to be working on a multi-pronged strategy. Getting the JD(S) onto the NDA bandwagon will help the party send a message to the regional parties in other states that it is willing to be more accommodative. That is important as the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (I.N.D.I.A) bloc is broadening its base with the inclusion of more parties, taking the total number of parties in it to 28.

As BJP hopes to return to power for a third consecutive term under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, each seat matters, especially as many regional satraps join forces with Congress.

In Karnataka, joining hands with the regional party could help the BJP to contain Congress, especially in Old Mysuru, though the party has to give up some seats it won in the last elections.

Unlike the 2019 JD(S)-Congress alliance that imploded due to internal contradictions, if things unfold as planned by the BJP, its partnership with the regional party could work as a force multiplier. In the May 10, 2023 assembly polls, the BJP had dented the JD(S)' prospects in the region, splitting anti-Congress votes. This time around, the party seems to be trying to avoid that mistake by roping in JD(S) to fight Congress.

The JD(S) has considerable backing from the Vokkaliga community in the region. When combined with the BJP's sway over the Lingayats, it could broaden the alliance partners' support base, mostly in South Karnataka. The JD(S) can help the BJP in the three seats in Bengaluru and a few other constituencies including Mysuru, Mandya, Tumakuru, Chikkaballapur, and Chamarajanagar, while the BJP can help the regional party in Hassan and a few other seats that it may get as part of the deal.

However, a mere alliance of parties does not mean combining votes. It may not work as planned unless the grassroots-level party workers are taken into confidence. Distrust among the cadres can prove counterproductive for both the parties as Congress will be looking to make the most of the faultlines and trying to further consolidate the minority support.

Although the Congress leaders seem unfazed by the BJP-JDS alliance talks, the Grand Old Party may have to rework its Lok Sabha poll strategy, if the two opposition parties seal the deal. With the shadow of drought and the Cauvery River water-sharing issue looming large, the government faces the charge of failing to protect the interests of farmers and also dilly-dallying in declaring drought. The crisis may further deteriorate in the next few months if the state fails to receive sufficient rain during the retreat monsoon. That can put Congress in a tight spot with Lok Sabha polls likely in summer of 2024.

The agrarian crisis could play a major role in the political narrative that will unfold over the next few months. Farmers have been protesting for two weeks over the release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu. The Congress government is accused of trying to protect the I.N.D.I.A alliance in which DMK — which is ruling in Tamil Nadu — is a partner. The BJP and the JD(S) are likely to make efforts to build the narrative around the farmers' issues to thwart Congress' attempts to build momentum around the guarantee schemes.

POLITICAL THEATRE

Will abide by top brass decision on tie-up: Simha

MYSURU: BJP MPs and other legislators welcomed the BJP-JDS alliance that was hinted at by former CM and senior BJP leader BS Yediyurappa on Friday. Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha said BJP workers will abide by the decision of the party high command. Claiming that Congress guarantees will not make much impact in the Lok Sabha elections, he said Karnataka voters stood by BJP from the 2004 Lok Sabha elections. They will extend the same support to PM Modi's leadership this time too, he added. BJP MLA TS Srivathsa said national and state leaders will finalise the parameters of the alliance and seat-sharing. **ENS**

Siddaramaiah rules himself out of PM race

HUBBALLI: After some Kuruba leaders pitched for Siddaramaiah as Prime Minister, the Chief Minister ruled himself out from the race, but underlined that in democracy, anybody can rise to that position and cited the example of PM Narendra Modi. Kuruba leaders H Vishwanath and HM Revanna and his other followers said they believe Siddaramaiah is the only leader who can challenge Modi and help Congress bag more seats. Asked if he has any interest in national politics, he said on Saturday, "I have no such interest. I am not going to enter national politics". However, adding intrigue to his response, he added, "In a democracy, anyone can become PM. Modi became a PM directly from Gujarat CM". Siddaramaiah said that the State Government has sought time from the prime minister's office to discuss Cauvery, Mahadayi, Upper Krishna, Mekedatu and other issues pertaining to Karnataka, but PMO has not responded. The government is ready to launch the Mahadayi project, he said, but the forest and environmental clearances are yet to come from the Centre. The State Government has also requested the Centre to revise the guidelines for providing relief to drought-declared areas, but the Centre is yet to respond, he said. On farmers protesting against frequent power outages, he said since there was rainfall deficit in August, power consumption has increased manifold. He said measures are being taken to supply electricity by purchasing it from outside. On a possible JDS-BJP alliance, he said, "I stand vindicated when I had earlier stated that JDS is BJP's B team. JDS, which is a secular party, has now tied up with communal BJP." JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda had said that he would not join hands with other parties, but it is now proven that the JDS leaders will do anything for power, he said. **ENS**

JDS-BJP alliance still at initial stages, says HDK

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JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy on Saturday said that discussions regarding his party and the BJP contesting the 2024 Lok Sabha elections together are still at initial stages.

His statement comes a day after BJP veteran BS Yediyurappa said that both the parties have reached an understanding and JDS will contest in four seats in Karnataka. Speaking to reporters here, Kumaraswamy said that there was no discussion on seat-sharing between the two parties. "A decision in the interest of the state will be taken later," Kumaraswamy said. He was replying to reports of JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda meeting top BJP leaders, including PM Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP chief JD Nadda, in New Delhi recently. "Yeddiyurappa has spoken about the alliance for which I am grateful to him", Kumaraswamy said.

He indirectly sent out a message that he is not averse to BJP and the alliance is imminent. Asked if Deve Gowda has given his consent to the alliance, he replied saying, "Wait and watch". On Congress leaders claiming that a JDS-BJP alliance in the future will not bother them, Kumaraswamy said, "They are shaken inside. The situation now is different from what it was in the run-up to the Assembly elections. Congress leaders are so intoxicated with power that they were talking about finishing off JDS and are poaching our leaders," he added. He said the Congress government in the state was already facing anti-incumbency.

According to sources, there could be some clarity on the alliance at a JDS workers' convention to be held in Bengaluru's Palace Grounds on Sunday.

Meanwhile, KPCC president and DyCM DK Shivakumar said, "Earlier, Gowda and Kumaraswamy had said that they will fight alone. Where did their words and ideology go now? The media should question this."

Two tigresses were found dead in close proximity near the Kundha falls in the Nilgiris district of Tamil Nadu on Saturday evening. While one of the carcasses was found floating on the river leading to the Emerald dam, second one was found in a slush 10 metres away, sources said

DISPUTE CONTINUES...

Water release down? TN to go to Cauvery panel

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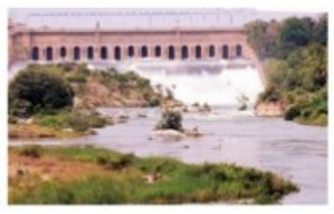
KARNATAKA government which was to honour the order of the Supreme Court by releasing 5,000 cusecs till September 12, reduced the release to around 3,000 cusecs during the past three days. On Saturday morning, Karnataka released 2,787 cusecs to Tamil Nadu from KRS and Kabini reservoirs. Objecting to this, the Tamil Nadu government will lodge a complaint with the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee which will be meeting on September 12 to review the situation.



Official sources said depending on the orders of the committee, the state government will decide about bringing to the notice of the Supreme Court immediately the Karnataka government's failure to honour the SC verdict to release 5,000 cusecs per day till September 12. The apex court had already fixed the next hearing about the dispute to September 21. However, political parties and farmers' associations have expressed their expectations that Tamil Nadu should immediately move the SC since the standing crops are starving. Meanwhile, in delta districts, the farmers are looking up to the sky for rain to save the standing Kuruvai crops.

The Joint Movement for Cauvery Basin Protection has decided to organise protests in eight delta districts on September 20 to put pressure on Karnataka to release water due to Tamil Nadu. Storage level in Mettur dam stood at 15.70 tmcft against the total capacity of 93.47 tmcft. Due to rains in catchment areas, the inflow into the dam stood at 6,479 cusecs and outflow at 6,502 cusecs

Karnataka had already filed a review petition on September 2 seeking a reduction in quantity of water to be released from 5,000 cusecs to 3,000 cusecs. However, Tamil Nadu had contested Karnataka's appeal saying the CWMA had already drastically reduced the quantum of water to be released and seeking further reduction would be unfair.

Sriharikota island shrinking, AP nod for anti-erosion project

SV KRISHNA CHAITANYA @ Chennai

WHILE the whole world is talking about the success of Chandrayaan-3 and Aditya-L1 missions, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is battling the problem of sea erosion at Sriharikota, which according to officials has lost 100 metres of coastline in the last four years.

As a mitigation measure, the Andhra Pradesh State Coastal Zone Management Authority has approved the construction of groynes at India's spaceport, confirmed ISRO officials to TNIE. The authority has reportedly given in-principle clearance for the groynes project, but precise details are not made public yet. However, sources told TNIE the project would involve construction of 5 groynes, including 2-3 groynes measuring 100 to 150 metres and two short groynes of 25-30 metres in length on the northern tip of the island.

"We started getting worried from 2019-2020. The cyclonic storms washed off two coastal roads and the third road also got damaged recently. We can't risk losing any more land," said ISRO officials. A top official of NCCR told TNIE, "Our team has conducted shoreline studies along Sriharikota Island and further down north. Our analysis shows that Sriharikota island and nearby coastal areas are experiencing erosion due to both natural and anthropogenic activities. However, in recent days low pressure systems and sea level changes have increased and hence more erosion is noticed at Sriharikota."

Although initially soft solutions like submersible dykes were contemplated, NCCR scientists after conducting site-specific studies have recommended building groynes and to prevent the erosion problem shifting to nearly coastal villages north of Sriharikota island, beach nourishment was proposed. It is well-known that groynes will cause accretion on the south side and trigger erosion on the northern side. Sriharikota is located just above the equator on the northern latitude bounded by the vast Indian coastline, making it one of the most ideal launch sites in the world today. The centre has two launch complexes - First Launch Pad and LP) - both possessing the Second Launch Pad (Sstate of the art assembly and clean room facilities.

Sources said ISRO officials are also wary of the potential erosion threat to Sriharikota from the proposed Adani-Kattupalli port expansion in Chennai and the issue was notified to the Union government. As part of the port expansion, two new breakwaters of about a total 9.35 km in length are proposed, out of which new northern breakwaters will be about 6.2 km and 1.3 km and new southern breakwater will be about 1.85 km.

VIBRANT NOTE

Artistes perform during a procession which marks the conclusion of Onam celebrations in Ernakulam on Saturday | TP SOORAJ

Rahul ripping apart ordinance symptomatic of UPA govt, says Nair

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PRINCIPAL Secretary to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh during UPA 1 and UPA 2, **T K A Nair** has said that Rahul Gandhi tearing up the ordinance passed by the UPA 2 government was symptomatic of the issues plaguing the Manmohan government. He was speaking to the TNSE as part of its Express Dialogues series.

"That incident was symptomatic of what was happening with the UPA-II," he said. He also said Rahul refused to join the government even though Dr Singh had requested him several times.

Stating that Rahul Gandhi is "evolving" as a leader, Nair, a 1963 batch IAS officer from Punjab Cadre, said that the fight between him and PM Narendra Modi is one between two unequals. "Even if Rahul turns out to be a much better leader, the composition of the opposition group is such that he would not be able to handle all of them effectively," he said. "I.N.D.I.A is full of contradictions. It's going to be a herculean task to make people sit together and talk," he said.

Mentioning about the Indo-US nuclear deal, Nair said that the Congress and Left should not have parted ways over the deal. "If Surjeet were alive, the Left and Congress would not have parted ways. Surjit was a political leader. Karat was a theorist from JNU. Theoretical and practical politics are two different entities," he said. According to him, the Left withdrawing its support to UPA seriously affected its credibility.

When asked about the alleged turf war between the then PMO and 10, Janpath, Nair insisted there was no such case. "I remember seeing Mrs. Gandhi coming to meet Dr Manmohan Singh office regularly and discuss policy matters. It was a consensual process," he said. When asked about him being replaced by Pulok Chatterjee as the Principal Advisor to the PM, Nair said that it was he who suggested Chatterjee's name.

Maintaining that Dr Singh was an "incarnation of humility", Nair said that he was genuine to the core. "I don't think there will be another person like him in politics," he said.

Nair said that the ongoing discussion regarding the proposed name change from Bharat to India is "just stupid" according to him, it is merely an attempt by the current government to "divert attention". Regarding the proposal for 'One Nation, One Election', he said it's not a good idea under the present federal polity of India. "The lifespan of the assemblies may differ. Even if you level it once, chances of a breakdown are high. It can lead to the President's rule," he said. He added that India is too diverse a country to be under a Presidential system of government.

'CM post tactfully denied to Parameshwara'

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HARIPRASAD raised the issue of Dalit CM and said the post was tactfully denied to Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara although he deserved it.

He was speaking at a convention of Billavas, Edigas, Namdharis and OBCs organised here under the leadership of Ediga community's seer Pranavananda Swamiji. "The BJP had thanked the CM for not making me a minister. But now, I too from this platform thank him for not inducting me into his cabinet. If I was given a ministerial berth, I would not have met you (community members at the convention). Do not be under the illusion that I will be made minister or CM," Hariprasad said.

He said that he will consider this (his non-induction into the state cabinet) as an opportunity to organise and strengthen the backward communities. Exhorting the community members to unite, he said that their presence is not restricted to Karnataka alone. They are spread across the country. They are in large numbers in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Goa, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Orissa and Chattisgarh under different names.

Hariprasad, who was recently made a permanent invitee to the Congress Working Committee, devoted most of his speech to attack Siddaramaiah. "You cannot reach the stature of former CM Devaraj Urs by just boarding the car used by him. You have to implement his ideas. You cannot be a Samajwadi just by wearing dhoti, khaki shorts and a Hublot wristwatch," he said.

"Every now and then he (CM) takes Urs' name, but did not consider his (Urs') grandson Suraj Hegde for the MLC post despite my recommendation to him being a screening committee member," he alleged.

During elections, many promises were made to leaders from Other Backward Classes, Dalits and minorities. But after coming to power, they were not even considered for nominations to government boards and corporations. KPCC working president Satish Jarkiholi was denied the DCM's post, Hariprasad said. Interestingly, Hariprasad was all praise for President Droupadi Murmu. He said she is a role model for the OBCs.

Siddaramaiah refused to comment on Hariprasad's remarks as the latter had not mentioned his name. Meanwhile, Home Minister G Parameshwara said, "I thank BK Hariprasad for admiring me. Many people say that in my admiration. Ultimately, the party high command took the call and made Siddaramaiah CM and DK Shivakumar DCM."

CCB raids pubs, bars, over 500 cases booked

Bengaluru: Following complaints from the public that minors were being sold tobacco products and people aged below 21 years were served alcohol, the CCB sleuths conducted a special drive against pubs, hotels, discotheques and hookah bars on Friday night. As many as 701 places were checked out of which violations were found at 390 places. Police said three cases under the Juvenile Justice Act and nine cases under the Excise Act were booked.

AAP flays BJP, Cong over delay in Palike polls

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TAKING a dig at BJP and Congress for not putting an elected body in the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) said September 10 will mark the third year without a council in the civic body. It said both national parties were using the ward delimitation process to delay elections to the urban local body. Satish Kumar, AAP's Bengaluru district president, on Saturday attacked Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, saying he has been promoting the Brand Bengaluru initiative without an elected body. "Elected corporators are an integral part of the city. So is Brand Bengaluru. However, the government has not shown any interest in holding an election. Without a council, Brand Bengaluru will have no meaning," said Kumar.

Party leaders also opined that the government should clear possible hurdles before issuing the final notification of ward delimitation and ward reservation based on the Bhaktavatsala Commission. They also noted that the issue of potholes, bad roads and sewage leakage have resurfaced post rains and the absence of an elected BBMP council and proper functioning of ward committees are a reason for all these. They said the government was claiming that nearly 70,000 suggestions were collected for Brand Bengaluru but there was no clarity about the feedback received.

For Cong, India and Bharat same: Kharge

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WHEN his attention was drawn to the statement of Tamil Nadu minister Udayanidhi Stalin against sanatana dharma and Karnataka ministers Priyank Kharge and G Parameshwara supporting it, he said, the Congress, as a political party, is now concentrating on uniting all non-BJP and like-minded parties.

At this juncture, the Congress does not want to get involved in the controversy. "I will not mix politics with religion. Whenever a religious agenda comes up, we will debate on that at that time," Kharge added.

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> Mallikarjun Kharge, AICC president

He said members of I. N. D. I. A. have held three meetings and one more will take place shortly in north India.

On sharing of seats between the members of I. N. D. I. A., he said it will take a long time to arrive at a decision. The parties have to first decide the constituencies where they are strong and then place their proposals before the core committee of I. N. D. I. A.

To a question, Kharge said the extended meeting of the Congress Working Committee (CWC) will be held in Hyderabad on September 16 and 17.

On the BJP, especially Prime Minister Narendra Modi's interest in renaming India as Bharat, Kharge said it makes no difference to Congress.

"We used to raise slogans such as Bharata Matha ki Ji. In fact, our pada yatra was named Bharat Jodo. It is Modi who has launched programmes in the name of India such as Make in India, Startup India, Digital India, etc. The coming together of about 27 opposition parties in the name of I. N. D. I. A. might have scared Modi and the BJP. Hence, they might be trying to create confusion among the people now. For the Congress, India and Bharat are one and the same," he said.

On the possible tie-up between JDS and BJP, he said the nature of understanding between them is yet to be made known.

JDS calls itself a secular party, it should clarify on what basis it is having an alliance with the saffron party. The BJP-JDS alliance will not make any impact on the prospects of Congress in the coming Lok Sabha elections, he added.

Asked whether he will contest LS elections from Gulbarga (Kalaburagi) constituency, Kharge said that the party will take a decision on it.

DMK not keen on clinging onto power: Udhaya

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YOUTH Welfare and Sports Development Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin who is also the DMK's youth wing secretary on Saturday asserted that the party is not keen on (clinging to) power and standing up for ideology is important.

He made the remark when asked about objections raised by certain BJP functionaries as to how he could take part in 'Sanatana Ozhippu Maanaadu' while being a minister. A smiling Udhayanidhi said, "The very purpose of launching the DMK was that. We are not keen on clinging to power. We stand for our ideology. I spoke whatever was already spoken by leaders like BR Ambedkar, Periyar and Arignar Anna."

When a scribe asked whether he would not be bothered about losing power for opposing Sanatana Dharma, Udhayanidhi nodded his head.

To another question, he said, "I don't bother about what BJP

spreads because their job is to circulate fake news. But I want to know the view of the AIADMK on this issue since that party has the name of Arignar Anna as part of its name. You all knew well there was no other leader who opposed Sanatana Dharma so vehemently in his lifetime. When you meet AIADMK leaders, please ask them about this."

Answering another question about the reported move to change the name of the country, Udhayanidhi, in a sarcastic note, quipped: "Nine years ago, the Prime Minister said he would change India. Now he has accomplished that."

2.8kg gold seized from 2 passengers at KIA

Bengaluru: Customs officials at Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru on Saturday seized 2.8kg gold worth over Rs 1.5 crore from two male passengers arriving from Dubai. They had concealed the gold in paste form wrapped inside insulation tape under their waist belts, said a source. The Emirates flight EK 564 from Dubai reached KIA at 8.41 am. The gold was found placed in small packets inside the tape. "The gold paste after melting weighed 2.8 kg. Data profiling of passengers helped us find them," the source said. The duo has been arrested.

EXPRESS READ

YSRC justifies Naidu's arrest

Vijayawada: YSRC leaders went hammer and tongs against TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu and justified his arrest at Nandyal on Saturday in connection with the Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation scam. Defending the arrest, Energy Minister Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy questioned the silence of Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan and CPI leaders Narayana and Ramakrishna on the loot of public money to the tune of `371 crore by Naidu. Peddireddy alleged that Naidu orchestrated the skill development scam with the help of Siemens, Digitech and Skiller company representatives, into which the Central agencies and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) had already conducted an inquiry and arrested the accused, he said. Peddireddy further alleged that funds were also misused in the Inner Ring Road and AP Fibernet project and the officials concerned are probing the cases.

TDP supremo N Chandrababu Naidu being questioned at the SIT office by CID officials in Tadepalli on Saturday | EXPRESS

Mattu clarifies on Hariprasad statement

BENGALURU: In a report published in TNIE, dated September 9, it said CM Siddaramaiah's advisor Dinesh Amin Mattu admitted publicly that Congress MLC BK Hariprasad deserved to make the cut into the ministry, and his inclusion would have helped Congress consolidate its hold over backward classes. Mattu clarified that what he said was, "Injustice has been done to BK Hariprasad by not getting a ministerial berth in the state cabinet, even more injustice has been done to the Billavas of Dakshina Kannada district. Though there are 30% Billavas in the district, the Congress has given only one ticket to the community. If Hariprasad and other Billava leaders had protested against this injustice, Hariprasad would not have been wronged now."

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APPENDIX-IV-A
[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers and Guarantors that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Dhanlaxmi Bank Ltd. Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", on **29.09.2023** for recovery of **Rs. 5,50,98,226.58** (Rupees Five Crores Fifty Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Two Hundred And Twenty Six Paise Fifty Eight Only) as on 24.08.2023 due to Dhanlaxmi Bank Ltd , Secured Creditor from **M/s.V3 Infrastructure** Represented by its partners Mr. R Srinivasan, Mr. R Sudarshan & Mr. B Radhakrishan Also at , Plot No.32, Bommasandra Industrial Area Bommasandra, Bangalore - 560099, **Mr. R Srinivasan** S/o. S Raghavan Pillai 137, 2nd Cross, 3rd Main, BTM 2 nd Stage Belekahalli, Dollars Layout, Bangalore - 560076, **Mr. R Sudarshan** S/o. S Raghavan Pillai 99, Devikrupa, 6th Cross, Dollar Scheme 3rd Main BTM 2nd Stage, Belekahalli, Dollars Layout, Bangalore - 560076, **Mr B Radhakrishnan** S/o. Bhaskaran Pillai, No.41, Harmony Classic Orchids Phase - 1, Behind Meenakshi Temple, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore - 560076, **M/s. Southern Batteries Pvt Ltd** * Unit - II, No.328, Bommasandra - Jigani Link Road Jigani Industrial Area, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore - 562106 * under CRIP, **M/s. High Energy Power Solutions** Plot No.31 (C1), 2nd Cross, 1st Main Road Veersandra Industrial Area, Bangalore - 560100, **Mr. R Manikantan**, S/o B Radhakrishnan, Residing at #1014, Sreehari, 8th Main, 20th Cross, 7th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore - 560068, **Mr. S Rahul Shankar,** S/o Mr.R Srinivasan, Residing at #954, Ayyappakrupa, 21st Cross, 7th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore - 560068, **Mrs. Maya Srinivasan**, D/o. Late Padmanabhan, Residing at #954, Ayyappakrupa, 21st Cross, 7th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore - 560068, **Mrs. Indira Sudarshan,** D/o Mr.Sunder, Residing at #99, Devikrupa, 6th Cross, 3rd Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Dollars Scheme, Belekahalli, Bangalore - 560076, **Mr. R Srinivasan** Director of M/s. Southern Batteries Pvt Ltd S/o. S Raghavan Pillai 137, 2nd Cross, 3rd Main, BTM 2 nd Stage Belekahalli, Dollars Layout, Bangalore - 560076, **Mr. R Sudarshan** Director of M/s.Southern Batteries Pvt Ltd S/o. S Raghavan Pillai 99, Devikrupa, 6th Cross, Dollar Scheme 3rd Main BTM 2nd Stage, Belekahalli, Dollars Layout, Bangalore - 560076, **Mr B Radhakrishnan** Director of M/s.Southern Batteries Pvt Ltd S/o. Bhaskaran Pillai, No.41, Harmony Classic Orchids Phase - 1, Behind Meenakshi Temple, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore - 560076.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Plot No.32, part of Bommasandra Industrial Area, situated in Sy No.270 of Bommasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Dist containing by ad measurement 2088.00 Sq mtrs with an industrial shed with AC sheet roofing, cement flooring, steel doors and windows standing in the name of Mr.R Srinivasan, Mr.R Sudarshan & Mr.B Radhakrishnan.

The Boundaries are as below:-East by: Plot No.32 (Part),West by: Plot No.30 and 31 North by: Road leading to Yarandahalli,South by: Plot No.33

Reserve Price: Rs.5,80,00,000/-, Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.58,00,000/-

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Dhanlaxmi Bank's website i.e. **www.dhanbank.com**

Date : 07.09.2023
Place: Bangalore DLB_210_HYBD
Authorised Officer
Dhanlaxmi Bank Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified that my clients propose to purchase the Schedule Property from the owner Mrs.Saraswathi, W/o. Late B.Sampathraj, residing at # 19/4, 3rd Cross, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560 009, Aadhar No.4007 3791 7316.

Any person/s having any claim/s in respect of the Schedule Property or objections for the proposed sale transaction, may lodge their claims/objections with documentary proof duly attested with the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, thereafter my clients shall proceed to complete the sale transaction and claims/objections received beyond the stipulated period will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Corporation No. 27 (Old Corporation No. 15/309, situated at Goduriah Mutt Extension), PID No.27-6-27, situated at 6th Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bangalore, Ward No.94, Gandhinagar Sub Division, within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, together with the building thereon comprising of Ground Floor, First and Second Floor residential unit of RCC roofing, brick wall with cement mortar, with water, light, sanitation and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and the building constructed on site measuring :

East to West : 50 Feet, North to South: 35 Feet, Total Area: 1,750 Square Feet, (162.57 Square Meters) and bounded as follows :

East by : Private Property
West by : 6th Main Road
North by : Private Property
South by : Private Property

Mr. N.JAIPRAKASH RAO,
Mrs.VEENA RAO, Mr.N.ASHOK KUMAR
JAYPEE ASSOCIATES
"LAW FIRM" No.38, "KRISHNA" 1st Cross, Malleswaram, BANGALORE - 560 003.
Phone No: 080-23560365, 23468742
E-mail: contact@jaypeeassociates.com
Bangalore DATE: 09.09.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client intends to purchase property bearing Site bearing No.1603, BBMP Khatha bearing Sl. No.1579, Old No.1603 New No.1579 in A. E. C. S. Layout, Hoodi Sub-Division, Bangalore, formed by the **Aircraft Employees' Co-operative Society Limited** out of Sy. Nos.115/1, 116 to 121, 122/1, 2, 124/1, 3, 125, 131/1 and 3 of Kundalahalli and Sy. Nos.39 to 43 of Chinnappanahalli, Krishnarajapura Hobli, and Sy.Nos.8 & 73 of Tubarahalli, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk situated at AECS Layout, erstwhile Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk and now comes under the municipal jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.85 (Doddanekkundi) and the entire site is measuring East to West: 30 Feet (or 9.146 Meters) and North to South: 50 Feet (or 15.243 Mtrs.), in all measuring 1500 Square Feet (or 139.41 Sq. Meters) and bounded on the **East by** : Site No.1602, **West by** : Site No.1604, **North by** : Site No.1593, **South by** : Road.

From, Sri.P.Subbareddy S/o Sri P.Konda Reddy, R/at No.75, PSR Residency, 3rd Main, Munnekolala, Marathahalli Post, Bangalore - 560037. In-turn Sri.P.Subbareddy had acquired the above said property from Sri Gopinath S/o Late.M. Doraiswamy.

Any Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/ claims with documentary evidence **within 15 days** from this day to the undersigned.

KCS Associates, Advocates,
Flat No.G-1, Sai Smaran Apartment, 1st Main Road, Pailayout, Bengaluru - 560 016.
Mobile Nos.9242323824
Purchaser Ph No.9036086080

ಐಶ್ವರ್ಯ ಸಿಂಡಿಕೇಟ್ ಸೌಹಾರ್ದ ಕ್ರೆಡಿಟ್ ಸಹಕಾರಿ ಸಂಘ ನಿ., ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

2022-23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭೆಯ ಆಹ್ವಾನ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಹಕಾರಿ ಸದಸ್ಯರೇ, ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಸೌಹಾರ್ದ ಸಹಕಾರಿಯ 2022-23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ 25.09.2023ರ ಸೋಮವಾರ ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಸಮೃದ್ಧಿ ಮ್ಯಾನರ್ ಪಾರ್ಟಿ ಹಾಲ್, ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್ವರ ನಗರ (ಕಳ್ಳಿಪಾಳ್ಯ) ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಇ.ಸಿಹೆಚ್.ಎಸ್ ಲೇಔಟ್, ಡಾ|| ಶಿವರಾಮಕಾರಂತ್ ನಗರ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಜಕ್ಕೂರು ಅಂಚೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-64. ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಸಹಕಾರಿಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾದ **ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರನ್ ಎಸ್** ರವರ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಸಭೆಯ ಆಹ್ವಾನ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಕಳುಹಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಆಹ್ವಾನ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ ತಲುಪದೇ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ ಎಂದು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಿ, ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಸದಸ್ಯರುಗಳು ಸಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗಮಿಸಿ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ಯಶಸ್ವಿಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಕೋರಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಆಡಳಿತ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಅಪ್ಪಣೆಯ ಮೇರೆಗೆ
ಮುಖ್ಯಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ

JODHPUR VIDYUT VITARAN NIGAM LIMITED

Corporate Identity Number (CIN) -U40109RJ2000SGC016483, Regd. Office: New Power House, Jodhpur- 342003, OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (CSS)
Phone No: 0291-2742336, Fax No: 0291-2745259
E-mail: secssjodhpur@gmail.com, Web site: energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

E-bids in two part(Techno-commercial and Price bid) are invited from eligible bidders for Appointment of Project Management Agency (PMA) to provide Consultancy Services for assisting and supporting in Project Management to Jodhpur Discom under Revamped Reforms-Linked Results-Based Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) against TNTW-666 (UBN-JVV2324SLOB00454). The estimated cost of work is Rs. 36.00 Crore.

Details regarding Tender No. Tender cost, Earnest money, Date of tender opening etc. are available websites **http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl** **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov**. The bidders, in their own interest are requested to read very carefully the tender documents before submitting the bid through on line on website **www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in**.

Note: Interested bidders please note that in future the any other notices/information regarding amendment/corrigendum/addendum/dates extension etc. for above tenders will be available only on aforesaid websites.

Raj.Samwad/C/23/8915 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (CSS)

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YOGAKSHEMAM LOANS LIMITED

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GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The borrowers, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments of pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 26.09.2023 from 10 a.m. onwards. We are auctioning gold ornaments of defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of his/her loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without further notice. Changes in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at auction centre and on website without any further notice. List of Pledges:

HONGASANDRA : 210159101260, 1312, 1320, 1640, 1705. **HORAMAVU** : 210156100931, 976. **HOSA ROAD** : 210145101242, 1243, 1252, 1271. **J P NAGAR** : 210119106294, 6471. **KAMMANAHALLI** : 210118105687, 5690, 5694, 5695, 5697, 5698, 5699, 5700, 5931, 5943, 5949, 5984, 5989, 6179, 6205. **KATHRIKUPPA** : 210131103003, 3171, 3181, 3208. **MANGAMMANAPALYA** : 210162100567, 568, 592, 593, 793. **WILSON GARDEN** : 210132102718, 210166100137, 163. **CHIKKABANAVARA** : 210127103746, 3748, 3753, 3849, 3972, 3991, 4213, 4217, 4231. **DODDABOMMASANDRA** : 210133103012, 3031, 3349, 3378, 3615, 3636, 3657. **HESARAGHATTA** : 210165101035, 1052, 1073, 1385, 1945. **MATHIKERE** : 210114107269, 7287. **NELAMANGALA** : 210140102700, 2743. **PEENIYA** : 210134103789, 4633, 4635, 4643, 4646. **RT NAGAR** : 210111107530, 7563, 7569, 8046. **SUNKADAKATTE** : 210115107020, 7552, 7641, 7662. **T DASARAHALLI** : 210121104080. **YELAHANKA** : 210139101147, 1269. **BANGARPET** : 210186100339, 357, 360, 364, 378, 380, 385, 388, 395, 397, 411, 598. **CHINTAMANI** : 210146102451, 2452, 2488, 2542, 2627, 2656, 2657, 2664, 2778. **DODDABALLAPUR** : 210143101841, 1947, 2112. **GAURIBIDANUR** : 210144102297, 2307, 2311, 2314, 2316, 2324, 2329, 2332, 2339, 2340, 2344, 2600, 2783. **HOSAKOTE** : 210128106600, 6601, 6622, 6631, 6646, 6681, 6682, 7035, 7038, 7042, 7112, 7198, 7751. **KOLAR** : 210164101643, 1653, 1654, 1665, 1957, 1977, 1990, 2001, 2004, 2017, 2557, 2576. **MALUR** : 210135105748, 5804, 5856, 5860, 5863, 5867, 6392, 6412, 6472. **MULBAGAL** : 210167101350, 1353, 1368, 1369, 1419, 1451, 1456, 1467, 1714, 1850, 1856, 1857, 1863, 1867, 1868, 1885, 1886, 1896, 1909, 1930, 1933. **RAMAMURTHY NAGAR** : 210149100851, 875, 876. **SREENIVASAPUR** : 210157101721, 1731, 1733, 1757, 1768, 1778, 1781, 1783, 1787, 1799, 2216, 2249, 2254, 2270, 2395. **VEMAGAL** : 210184100284, 310, 329, 350, 351, 362, 534, 535, 536, 547, 554, 559, 562, 564, 568, 572, 573, 580, 581, 588, 589, 590, 594, 598, 606, 607, 609, 618, 619. **BM ROAD RAMANAGARA** : 210180100692, 976, 988, 1027, 1031, 1040, 1061, 1062. **CHANNAPATNA** : 210141102630, 2640, 3184, 3256, 3268, 3321, 3328, 3329, 3333, 3334, 3390, 3419, 3877, 3886, 3923, 3925, 3940, 3945, 3992, 4062, 4187. **CHANNARAYAPATNA** : 210161101555, 2077, 2173, 2448, 2487, 2526. **HALAGURU** : 210182100121. **K M DODDI** : 210155100787, 1073, 1139, 1254, 1261, 1276, 1280, 1283, 1285, 1300. **KANAKAPURA** : 210185100192, 213, 450, 493, 507, 514, 527, 565, 770, 771, 772, 774, 776, 777, 778, 779, 782, 783, 784, 785, 793, 794, 796, 804, 845, 848, 885. **KUNIGAL** : 210152101357, 1358, 1361, 1366, 1643, 1647, 1678, 1679, 1685, 1686, 1695, 1711, 1712, 2027, 2195. **MADDUR** : 210148101236, 1247, 1265, 1268, 1273, 1352, 1803. **MAGADI** : 210153101065, 1099. **MANDYA** : 210181100167, 582, 590, 603, 623, 627, 628, 634, 643, 648. **RAMNAGAR** : 210142102716, 2717, 2745, 2796, 2830, 2833, 3132, 3135, 3152, 3173, 3293, 3328, 3364, 3372, 3383, 3628, 3629, 3645, 3654, 3689, 3739, 3741, 3771, 3783. **TIPTUR** : 210151101271, 1287, 1601, 2048.

Persons wishing to participate in the above auction shall comply with the following:- Interested Bidders should submit **Rs. 25,000/-** or 2% of the reserve price whichever is less (refundable to unsuccessful bidders) by way of DD (Drawn on Yogakshemam Loans Ltd.) one day prior to the auction. Bidders should carry valid ID card / PAN card. For more details please contact: **0487 2320102**

Authorised Officer,
Yogakshemam Loans Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that our client (**"Our Client"**) has entered into an Agreement of Sale with POWERPLUS, a proprietorship concern having its office at Flat TA-4, Sowparnika Sai Krishna Apartments, Kada Agrahara Road, Somapura Gate, Sarjapura Post, Bengaluru – 562 125, Karnataka, represented by its Proprietor Sadanand Engineer, aged about 69 years, S/o. Late Avaji, (**"Owner"**) in respect of the property more particularly detailed in the schedule below (**"Schedule Property"**).

If any person/s, entity, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise) claiming any right, title, interest, claim, pending litigation, or demand of any nature in or upon the Owners or their predecessor in title, including but not limited to by way of sale, gift, lease, sub- lease, transfer deed, inheritance, agreements, memorandum of understanding, pending litigation, exchange, mortgage, hypothecation, charge, lien, trust, security, possession, easement, attachment, acquisition or otherwise, and/or upon the Schedule Property or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with relevant document/s evidencing their right, title, interest, claim, pending litigation, or demand with respect of the Schedule Property within **fifteen (15) days** from the date of this notice, failing which such claim shall be considered to have been waived and/or given up. Objections and/or claims received after expiry of the period stipulated above shall not be entertained nor be binding on our Client and shall be considered as non-existent and /or waived.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of property, being a site bearing No. 73-P-27 in Bidadi 2nd Phase, Sector 2, Industrial area, carved out of Sy No. 53/3, Shanumangala Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara Taluk, measuring, East to West 40 meters and North to South 25.30 meters, totally measuring 1012 Sqm and having a built up area of 557.42 sq. meters (6000 Sq Ft,) and bounded on the:-

East by : 15 meters wide KIADB Road
West by : Industrial Site bearing No. 73-P-12
North by : Industrial Site bearing No. 73-P-26
South by : Industrial Site bearing No. 73-P-28

together with all rights, privileges attached thereto and all easement rights ,water courses and right of access and the common areas and amenities in the KIADB Industrial area /estate .

Date : 10.09.2023

Meena Venugopal, Partner,
Kochhar & Co., Advocates and Legal Consultants,
#201, Prestige Sigma, No. 3, Vittal Mallya Road,
Bangalore - 560001. Tel: (080) 4030 8000

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 05/2023-24 ದಿನಾಂಕ:05.09.2023

ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಉಪವಿಭಾಗಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ಒಟ್ಟು 39 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಅಥವಾ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಿರುವ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ (**Standard Tender Document- KW-1,2,3 & 4** ರಂತೆ) ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಲಗತ್ತಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 3 ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಅರ್ಹತೆಗಳಿದ್ದರೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 0.64 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.500.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಆಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವ 39 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ (1-ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ದಿ: 19.09.2023, 2-ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ದಿ: 16.09.2023 ಹಾಗೂ 39-ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ದಿ: 20.09.2023 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಷಯ ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ತಿಳಿಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು.

UNION BANK OF INDIA

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ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH, BENGALURU NORTH

 # 1/1, First Floor, "Jeevan Sampige ", 2nd Main, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560 003, E –mail: arb.bengalurunorth@unionbankofindia.bank

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8 (1)] (For immovable Property)

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorized officer of **Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **17.05.2022** issued by our **Devanahalli Branch** (Now transferred to ARB-Bengaluru North) calling upon the **(Borrowers) (1)Mr.Rajappa E** S/o Erappa **(Guarantor) (2) Mr.D M Balakrishna** S/o Malappa, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.39,68,882/-** (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Two only) and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **8th September, 2023.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru North** for an amount **Rs.39,68,882/-** (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Two only) and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION : All that piece and parcel of Residential/Commercial Property bearing Survey No 24/4, Khatha no.219/24/4 Swathina Sanke 150200401300320088 and measuring 8093.71 Sq.Mtr, at Kondadasapura Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Owned by Rajappa E S/o Erappa and bounded by: East by: Sy No.24/5 RA Jaminu, West by: Sy No.24/3 RA Jaminu, North by: Sy No.24/4 RA Jaminu, South by: Sy No.24/1 RA Jaminu.

Please take note that after the receipt of this Notice, you shall not transfer any of the secured assets referred to above by way of sale, lease or otherwise without our prior consent in writing in terms of Sec.13 (13) of the Act.

Date: 08.09.2023
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India
Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (through https://ireps.gov.in)

CE/C-I/SC, CE/C-VI/SC & CE/C-V/SC, Construction Organisation, S.C.Railway, Secunderabad, respectively, invites e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works:

1. NIT No : EPC-07-CAO-C-SC-2023 Date: 23/08/2023 **Name of work**: Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contract Agreement for "Proposed Doubling of Track including Signal & Telecommunication, Electrification & Electrical General Service works between Gooty (incl.) & Pendekallu (incl.) (31.50 Km)" **Estimated Cost:** (₹) 333,17,03,872.64 **EMD : (₹)** 1,66,58,500.00 **Completion Period:** 18 (Eighteen)Months.**Date of Opening:** 31/10/2023 11:00hrs.

2. NIT No : 41-CAO- C-SC- 2023 Date: 25/08/2023 **Name of work**: SCR Construction organisation - Guntur Division - Proposed New Line between Nadikudi and Srikalahasti stations - Supplying of AT welding portion for 60kg/52Kg (90 UTS) / 60Kg(UIC)/ 60E1-R260 rail joints and in situ welding with automatic tapping thimble by using single shot crucible for welding of Rail joints for conversion of free rail joints/3RP/20RP to SWP/LWR /CWR from Ch.74700m to Ch.155000m between Existing Gundlakamma (incl.) and Pro. Kanigiri(incl.) stations. **Estimated Cost:** (₹) 3,12,12,154.00 **EMD : (₹)** 3,06,100.00 **Completion Period:** 06 (Six)Months. **Date of Opening:** 19/09/2023 15:00hrs.

3. NIT No : EPC-08-CAO-C-SC-2023 Date: 30/08/2023 **Name of work**: SCR Construction Organization- Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) tender for proposed "Doubling of Track between Ankai station(Excluding) at KM 16.00 (Ch:16000) & Karanjgaon stations(Excluding) at Km 69.01(Ch:69010) (i.e. 53.01 Km) including Electrification and Signaling works in connection with Aurangabad-Ankai Doubling Project in Nanded Division of South Central Railway". **Estimated Cost:(₹)** 438,03,30,397.24 **EMD : (₹)** 2,00,00,000.00 **Completion Period:** 30 (Thirty)Months. **Date of Opening:** 10/11/2023 11:00hrs.

4. NIT No : EPC-09-CAO-C-SC-2023 Date: 30/08/2023 **Name of work**: SCR Construction Organization - Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) tender for Proposed "Doubling of Track between Karanjgaon station (Including) at Km 69.01(Ch 69010) & Aurangabad station(Including) at Km 113.15(Ch 113150) [i.e. (44.14 km)] including Electrification and Signaling works in connection with Aurangabad-Ankai Doubling Project in Nanded Division of South Central Railway". **Estimated Cost:(₹)** 434,01,33,427.82 **EMD : (₹)** 2,00,00,000.00 **Completion Period:** 30 (Thirty)Months. **Date of Opening:** 10/11/2023 15:30hrs.

5. NIT No : 42-CAO- C-SC- 2023 Date: 06/09/2023 **Name of work**: SCR Construction Organization - Secunderabad - Kazipet Section - Survey, Design, Supply, Construction, Erection, Installation, Commissioning of 300 KLD Sewage treatment plant using Forced Bed Aeration method Proposed at Charlapalli station in connection with the development of Terminal facilities at Charlapalli station. **Estimated Cost:(₹)** 1,35,28,197.07 **EMD : (₹)** 2,17,700.00 **Completion Period:**04 (Four)Months. **Date of Opening:** 04/10/2023 15:00hrs.

i) For bid document and other details, please login to **website https://ireps.gov.in.**

ii) Tenderers can submit their offers online during tender submission period which is the Fifteen days period prior to closing of tender.

iii) Tenderers should watch for any corrigenda (issued online only) up to the date of commencement of the tender submission period.

Chief Administrative Officer/Const./ Secunderabad

PUB/1084

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Construction Organization
Ernakulam Jn
Tender Notice No: 19-CE-CN-ERS-2023-OT dated. 03/09/2023

Name of work: Proposed earth work, protective works and other miscellaneous works between Eraniel (incl.) and Nagercoil Town (excl.) stations.
Tender Value: Rs. 6604.21Lakhs
Bid Security: Rs.34,52,100/-
Completion Period: 12 Months
Date and time of tender closing: 29/09/2023

Complete details and tender document will be available at **https://www.ireps.gov.in**

Chief Engineer/Construction
Ernakulam Jn

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Open e-Tender Notice No. Dy.CE/GS/SC/26/2023/OT. Dt: 06-09-2023

PUB/1086

For and on behalf of President of India, the undersigned invites e-tender for the following works up to 14.00 hours on 29-09-2023

1. e-Tender No. : 26_GS_SC_23_OT **Name of the work** : Secunderabad Division -Gati Shakti Unit - Consultancy services for Development and preparation of GADs; detailed project report, Preparation of Detailed Drawings and Design for Foundation, Sub-structure & Superstructure of Road over bridge/Road under Bridge including viaduct spans and Approaches; Design of Reinforced Earth wall & Retaining wall; Proof checking of Foundation, Structural and RE wall/Retaining Wall Design; Preparation of BOQ; Preparation of Detailed Estimate; Conducting Final Location survey; Preparation of Land Acquisition Proposals; Conducting Geotechnical investigation and preparation of Bid Document with Technical specifications as per relevant codes/Manuals for Construction of ROBs in lieu of LC Nos.8,9,13,15,17, 38, 42, 44, 45 & 79 (10 Nos) on Kazipet - Balharshah section. **Approx. Tender Value in : (₹)** 1,41,48,380/- **EMD : (₹)** 2,20,800/- **Completion period in Months** : 90 Days **Maintenance period in Months** : 06 Months **Works considered similar in nature towards Standard eligibility criteria :** Detailed Design, Drawings/ estimates of Railway Bridges/ ROBs/RUBs.

1. Tenderers should participate through e-tendering only and no manual offers may be considered.
2. All the prospective tenderers are requested to remit EMD through online payments only.
3. The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.
4. All the prospective tenderers are advised to get GSTIN identification Nos. and submit along with their offer.

Dy.Chief Engineer/Gati Shakti/ Secunderabad

Tender Notice No. B/E.29-TRD-TNDR-16-23-24 Dt.05.09.2023 Tender No.B/E.29-TRD-TNDR-16-23-24

PUB/1089

Tenders are invited in IREPS by the undersigned for the following works.

Name of Work:- Vijayawada Division: Augmentation of Power Supply infrastructure catering to sidings. **Approx. Value** : (₹) 1,11,10,777/- **Bid Security (EMD)** : (₹) 2,05,600/- **Completion period** : 12 Months **Date of closing & Time** : 28.09.2023 at 15.00 Hrs

S.No. 1 - Cost of Tender form : (₹) Nil
Date of closing : Sl.No.1: 28.09.2023 at 15.00 Hrs.

Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer/ TrD/Vijayawada
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For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

RAIL COACH FACTORY KAPURTHALA

On-line tenders are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty./Nos./ Sets	EMD (₹)
1.	12231213A 06.10.2023	Non AC Area Ceiling Arrgt. for LHB AC 3-Tier Coaches	161.00 Numbers	2,49,850/-
		Non AC Area Ceiling Arrangement for LHB AC2T Coaches	85.00 Numbers	
2.	13235285A 04.10.2023	Replacement of Warehouse Management System (Software) in High Rise Stacker System with compatible communication system sensors as per spec no. Mech/M&P/3800/01 Rev.1 [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]. **PL NO./Item Code: 659016170012**	01 Nos.	2,24,810/-
3.	01231299 16.10.2023	Locking Pin	48700 Nos.	75,280/-
4.	05231369 06.10.2023	Underframe Complete for LHB AC 3 Teir (EOG Coaches)	225.00 Numbers	20,00,000/-
5.	05231299 10.10.2023	Brake Disc for Wheel Set	9100 Nos.	50,00,000/-
6.	05231433 04.10.2023	Front Part Complete	69 Nos.	2,63,610/-
7.	05231455 06.10.2023	Set of Door Cut Out Complete	175 Sets	2,60,190/-
8.	05231409 29.09.2023	Brackets Complete	75531 Nos.	2,46,230/-
9.	05231428 12.10.2023	Hand Brake Set	204 Sets	87,530/-
10.	05231441 05.10.2023	Lifting Plate Form	10738 No.	61,580/-
11.	05231437 05.10.2023	Battery Box (SS)	33 Nos.	63,800/-

(1) For details and making On-line tenders, visit website: **http://ireps.gov.in** Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF website: **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in**. Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line biddings, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at webiste **http://www.cce.gov.in**. **(2)** Tenders will close at **14.25 hrs.** on due date and will be opened at **14.30 hrs.** Tenders Sr. No. 1 & 2 will be opened at RCF, Kapurthala and Sr. No. 3 to 11 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi. (3) For queries, contact IREPS helpdesk at **011-24102855, 011-24105180** or RCF helpdesk at **011-23370897, 011-23378658.**

NOTE: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them. **PCMM**

CORRIGENDUM

The following amendment is authorized against **(1) Tender No.: 14231147, Due date may be read** as **19.09.2023** instead of 08.09.2023. **(2) Tender No.: 01231098** for Failure Indication Cum Brake Application Device, **Due date may be read** as **21.09.2023** instead of 11.09.2023. **PCMM**

RO No.: 87-S/2023-24 **Dated: 09.09.2023**

RAMAMURTHY NAGAR BRANCH

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(A Government of India Undertaking)
No. 5C, 404, East of NGEF Layout, Doorvaninagar Post, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore - 560 016.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for 30 days Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provison to rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Union Bank of India** (secured Creditor) will be sold on **" As is where is", " As is what is " and " whatever there is basis "** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to **Union bank of India** from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

Name and address of the Secured Creditor : Union Bank of India, Ramamurthy nagar Branch, No. 5C, 404, East of NGEF Layout, Doorvaninagar Post, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore - 560 016.

Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: 1. Name and address of the Borrower, : Sri Srinivasa D, Kasaba Hobli, Paduvakote Post, H.D. Kote Talluku Bovi Colony, Mysore-571189, & No. 33 & 33/1, PID.53-201-33&33/1, 14th Main Road, Muneshwara Block. Girinagar, Bangalore-560085. **(2) Sri Manjula,** Kasaba Hobli, Paduvakote Post, H.D. Kote Talluku Bovi Colony, Mysore-571189, & No. 33 & 33/1, PID.53-201-33&33/1, 14th Main Road, Muneshwara Block. Girinagar, Bangalore-560085. **Amount due: Rs.1,71,74,785/- as on 11.05.2023** with further interest, cost & expenses.

Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: Land and Building - Residential House built in Municipal No.33 (PID No 53-201-33) and Municipal No. 33/1, (PID NO. 53-201-33/1) (old no. 19/251), situated at 14th Main Road, Muneshwara Block, BSK III stage, Bangalore within the limits of BBMP old ward no.53, New ward no 162, measuring East to West : 45 feet and North to South : 30 feet totally measuring 1350 sqft and being bounded by, North: Road, South: Property No. 20, West : Property No.18 and East : Road.

Reserve Price : Rs. 2,07,43,000/-
(Rupees Two Crores Seven Lakhs forty three thousand only)
Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs. 20,74,300/-
(Rupees Twenty Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand and Three Hundred Only)
(10% of Reserve Price)
Date and time of E-Auction: 13.10.2023, 12.00 PM to 5.00 PM.
(with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)
Last date for submission of EMD : On or before the commencement of e-Auction,
E-auction website: www.mstcecommerce.com

For Detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **(1) https://www.ibapi.in, www.unionbankofindia.co.in**
The online E-auction will be held through website: **www.mstcecommerce.com**
For E-auction Related queries Please contact : 9324916271

Place: Bangalore
Date: 08.09.2023
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India.

YES BANK

Prestige obelisk, Municipal No.3, Ground Floor, Kasturba Road, Bangalore-560001.

POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Loan Account No. A/c No's:002284600002850, 803LA40210330002, 803LA40212560002,803LA40212560003, 803LA40212640001 & 803LA40222800001.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **YES Bank Limited,** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued **Demand Notice dated 19th June 2023** under Section 13(2) of the said Act calling upon the **Borrower: M/s.Sri Lakshmi Srinivasa Roller Flour Mills,** Represented by its partners,No. 76, Magadi Road, Kempapura Agraha, Bangalore, Karnataka 560023 (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower"), **Mr.M.S Sujan, (Partner),** No. 76, Magadi Road, Kempapura Agraha, Bangalore, Karnataka 560023, (hereinafter referred to as ("the Guarantor"), **Mr.M.S Suraj (Partner),** No. 76, Magadi Road, KempapuraAgraha, Bangalore, Karnataka 560023 (hereinafter referred to as ("the Guarantor") and **Mr.M.P Srinivas,** No. 76, Magadi Road, KempapuraAgraha, Bangalore, Karnataka 560023, (hereinafter referred to as ("the Guarantor"), to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being **Rs.15,92,25,489.48 (Rupees Fifteen Crores Ninety-Two Lakhs Twenty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Nine and Forty Eight Paisa) as on 18th June, 2023** together with further interest at contractual rates on the aforesaid amount, incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc. incurred from **19th June, 2023** till the date of payment and / or realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower mentioned herein above having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with the Rule 8 of the said Rules on **04th / September / 2023.**

The borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the mortgage of **YES Bank Limited,** for an amount of **Rs.15,92,25,489.48 (Rupees Fifteen Crores Ninety-Two Lakhs Twenty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Nine and Forty Eight Paisa) as on 18th June, 2023** together with further interest at contractual rates on the aforesaid amount, incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc. incurred from **19th June, 2023.**

As contemplated U/s.13(8) of the Act, in case our dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by us are tendered at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by us, and no further step shall be taken by us for transfer or sale of that secured asset.

Description Of The Properties

Particulars of movable properties: Hypothecation Charge on whole of the Current Assets of the Borrower's stock of raw material, Semi finished and finished goods, stores and spares including relating to plant and machinery (consumable stores and spares), Bills receivables and book debts and all other receivables and moveable, both present and future whether lying or stored in or about of the Borrower's factories, premises and go downs situate anywhere and as the same maybe or be held by any party to the order of disposition of the Borrower or in the course of transit or on high seas or on order or delivery, howsoever or wheresoever in the possession and/or control of the Borrower and either by way of substitution or addition.

AND

Particulars of Immovable Properties mortgaged

Description of the mortgaged property :Mortgagor : Mr. M P Srinivas
All that piece and parcel of property bearing old No.44/2, presently bearing BBMP No.76, measuring East to West 191.5 + 174/2, North to South 253 ½ + 223 ½ /2, (as per the Khata Extract it is 32453 sq.feet), situated at Kempapura Agrahara, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore and **Bounded on the: East By:** Property of Magaji Dhondusa and two shops, **West By:** Drainage, **North By:** Magadi Road, **South By:** Silkote Soda Factory.
Together with a building constructed thereon.

Date: : 10th / September/2023
Place : Bangalore
Sd/- Authorized Officer
YES Bank Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

NOTICE OF SALE THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY

SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002. (SARFAESI ACT)

The undersigned as Authorized Officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd.,** has taken over **Physical Possession** of the schedule property under the SARFAESI Act. The Authorized Officer of **M/s. Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd.,** had already conducted multiple public auctions for selling the property, but they turned out to be unsuccessful as no bids were received. Hence please be informed that if the total outstanding dues in the aforesaid loan account are not paid within **Fifteen (15) Days** from the date of this publication of this notice, then the Authorized officer will proceed for sale via private treaty of the property as stated below.

Public at large is informed that the secured property as mentioned in the Schedule are available for sale through Private Treaty, as per the terms agreeable to the Bank for realization of Bank's dues on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**

Standard terms & conditions for sale of property through Private Treaty are as under:

1. Sale through Private Treaty will be on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**
2. The purchaser will be required to deposit **25%** of the sale consideration on the next working day of receipt of Bank's acceptance of offer for purchase of property and the remaining amount within **15 days** thereafter.
3. The purchaser has to deposit 10% of the offered amount along with application which will be adjusted against 25% of the deposit to be made as per clause (2) above.
4. Failure to remit the amount as required under clause (2) above, will cause forfeiture of amount already paid including 10% of the amount paid along with application.
5. In case of non-acceptance of offer of purchase by the Bank, the amount of 10% paid along with the application will be refunded without any interest.
6. The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property (under sale through private treaty) to his satisfaction. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor in this regard at a later date.
7. The Bank reserves the right to reject any offer of purchase without assigning any reason.
8. In case of more than one offer, the Bank will accept the highest offer.
9. The interested parties may contact the Authorized Officer for further details/ clarifications and for submitting their application.
10. The purchaser has to bear all stamp duty, registration fee, and other expenses, taxes, duties, society dues in respect of purchase of the property.
11. Sale shall be in accordance with the provisions of SARFAESI Act/ Rules.

SCHEDULE

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Borrower/ Co-borrowers	Amount as per 13(2) Demand Notice under SARFAESI Act.	Reserve price for private treaty
1	45359420000286	1) C.M. Nagaraj (Mortgager & Borrower), 2) Sunil Kumar (Mortgager & Borrower), 3) Shilpa N. (Co-Borrower)	**Rs.30,92,957.30** (Rupees Thirty Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Seven and Thirty Paisa Only) **as of 16.10.2022**	**Rs.21,50,000/-** (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)
	Details of Secured Assets: All the piece and parcel of the Southern portion of property bearing Site No.8/11, H.L.No.166, measuring East to West 31 feet and North to South 25 feet total Measuring 775 sq.ft. situated at Byappanaahalli Manavarthkaval Village, Krishnarajpuram, Bangalore East Taluk and Presently cones under the limits of BBMP and **Bounded on: East by:** Road, **West by:** Military Property, **North by:** Remaining Portion of site no.8/11 retained by the vendor herein, **South by:** Private Property.			

The aforesaid Borrower's/ Co-borrower's attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of SARFAESI Act for redemption of secured assets mentioned hereinabove by tendering the aforementioned outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the bank before the sale of secured assets.

Correspondence Address: Mrs. Syeda (Mob No.7400445147), email: syedayaseen.rana@janabank.com & Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob No.9590858249), email: ranjan.naik@janabank.com. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, (formerly known as M/s. Janalakshmi Financial Services Pvt. Ltd.), having Office The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071

Date: 10.09.2023, Place: Bangalore Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

Union Bank of India

Koramangala PBB Branch
No. 83, 17 D Main, 6th Cross, 6th Block,
Koramangala, Bengaluru – 560095
E-mail : ubin0906204@unionbankofindia.bank
(A Government of India Undertaking) Contact No: 9372706202

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for 15 days Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provison to rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Union Bank of India** (secured Creditor) will be sold on **" As is where is", " As is what is " and " whatever there is basis "** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to **Union bank of India** from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

Name and address of the Secured Creditor : Koramangala PBB Branch, No 83, 17th 'D' Main, 6th Cross, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru-95.

Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: 1) Mr. Solomonraja, Flat No F-D, 1st Floor, Topaz Terraces R K Township, Yarandahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-560099. **2) Mrs. Leesha,** Flat No F-D, 1st Floor, Topaz Terraces R K Township, Yarandahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-560099.

Amount due: Rs.82,42,355 /- (Rupees Eighty Two Lakhs Forty Two Thousand Three Hundred & Fifty Five Only) as on **31.08.2023** + Future interest + other legal expenses.

Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All that piece and parcel of the Flat No. F-D, 1st Floor, Site No 445 and 446, Topaz Terraces, R K Township, Yarandahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru measuring 792 Sq.ft of super built up area and proportionate share in common areas such as passage, lobbies, lifts, stair case & other area of common use, together with car parking area in the basement floor and bounded on the : East by: Site #427 & 428, West by: Road, North by: Site #447, South by: Site #444.

Date and time of E-Auction: 26.09.2023 from 12.00 AM to 5.00 P.M. (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions) E-auction website-www.mstcecommerce.com. Last date for submission of EMD : The Bidders shall keep sufficient balance in their MSTC Global Wallet not less than the EMD amount to participate in the online Bid on or before the commencement of eAuction.
Reserve price: Rs. 18,47,200/- Lakhs
Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs. 1,84,720/- Lakhs

For Detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **(1) https://www.ibapi.in (2) www.unionbankofindia.co.in**
The intending purchaser require to register through :
https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp
The online E-auction will be held through website: **sarfaesi@unionbankofindia.com.**
For E-auction Related queries Please contact : 9000980154

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 07.09.2023 **Union Bank of India.**

BIHAR SCHOOL EXAMINATION BOARD

NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

EOI Notice No.- PR 304/2023

Bihar School Examination Board, Patna invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for Providing Service of Barcode (Fictitious Roll) Printing on 3 Parts of OMR Cover of Used Answer Booklet, Tearing of Flying Slips, Packeting of Flying Slips and Answer Books for Intermediate & Secondary Examination, 2024 (Annual / Compartmental) and Other Examinations.

Responses must be received not later than time, date and venue mentioned in the Fact Sheet. Response that are received late will not be considered in this evaluation process. The important information about the EOI are as under:

Sl. No.	Information	Details
1.	Website for submission of proposal	www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
2.	EOI Fee (Non-Refundable)	₹ 1180/- (One Thousand One Hundred Eighty)
3.	E- Tending Processing Fee (Non- Refundable)	As per eproc2 applicable fee
4.	Proposal Submission Start Date and Time	11.09.2023 from 01:00 PM
5.	Proposal Submission End Date and Time	25.09.2023 till 01:00 PM
7.	Pre-Bid Meeting	15.09.2023 at 11:30 Noon Bihar School Examination Board (Main Building), Sinha Library Road, Patna- 800017
8.	Opening of EOI Proposals	25.09.2023 at 02:00 PM
9.	Contact Persons for Queries	Sh. Vinod Kumar Singh, Nodal officer – +91 62999 23095, E-Mail Id: eproc-bseb-bih@gov.in/ eproc.bseb@gmail.com

- The bidders are expected to examine all instructions, forms terms, and other information in the EOI document. Failure to furnish all information required as mentioned in the EOI documents or submission of a proposal not substantially responsive to the EOI documents in every respect will be at the Bidder's risk and may result in rejection of the proposal.
- **Note -** The Secretary, Bihar School Examination Board (BSEB) reserves the right to reject, reschedule or cancel this Expression of Interest (EOI) and Terms of Reference (TOR) on any stage.

Secretary

BEFORE THE PRINCIPAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BANGALORE
P & SC NO.142 /2023 (CCH-44)

PETITIONER : MR. SUMIT K, KAPUR, aged about 40 years, S/o Late Jagdish K Kapur, R/at No.151, Ferns Meadows, Billishivale, Doddagubbi, Off Hennur Main Road, Bangalore - 560077. **V/S**
RESPONDENT : NIL

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the above petitioner has filed the instant petition to be allowed to prove the abovementioned will in common form and for grant of probate and letters of administration to the property and credits of **Late Mr. Jagadish K Kapur,** the father of the Petitioner, with the will dated 07-09-2021 and who died on 30-10-2021, to have effect throughout the territory of India.

Interested parties are hereby informed to appear before this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on this **25-09-2023 at 11.00 AM** in the forenoon to show cause against the petition, failing which the matter will be heard and determined.

SCHEDULE -1
SCHEDULE OF BANK ACCOUNTS OF THE DECEASED

SL No.	Bank Name and Address of the Brnach	Account No.
1.	State Bank of India, Indiranagar,12th Main Branch.	37254249589
2.	State Bank of India, Indiranagar,12th Main Branch.	37254249589
3.	Post office, Indiranagar, 13th Main Road Branch.	0003380165
4.	Post office, Indiranagar, 13th Main Road Branch.	4221529357

SCHEDULE -2
SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS OF THE DECEASED

All that piece and parcel of Immovable property and building bearing No.1193 located in 13th main Road, HAL, 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560038, measuring approximately 2700 Sq. ft, and bounded on the : **North by :** Residential Property, **South by :** 13th Main Road, **East by :** Residential Property, **West by :** Residential Property.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this **07 -09-2023**

By order of The Court, Asst. Registrar City Civil Court, Bangalore.

CHINTAN CHINNAPPA
Spectrum Legal, Promenade Road, Sindhi Colony, Pulikeshi Nagar, 101, 30/A,First Floor, Bangalore - 560005, PH.No.9686455515. Email ID: chintan@spectrumlegal.in

UCO BANK

(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

Bangalore City Branch (0024)
13/22, Kempegowda Road,
Bengaluru-560009

PUBLIC NOTICE OF E-AUCTION SALE (for immovable properties)

(In terms of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002)

Whereas the Authorized Officer of the Bank has issued a Demand notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 and thereafter in exercise of powers under Section 13(12) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 has taken possession of property mortgaged to Bank under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT 2002. The undersigned in the capacity of Authorized Officer has decided for sale of the property to public by E-auction and invite bids from the intending purchasers for purchase of immovable property mentioned hereunder on **"AS IS WHERE IS" & " AS IS WHAT IS"** basis..

Name & Address of Borrower's	a) Date of Demand Notice b) Date of Possession c) Present outstanding dues	a) Date & Time for inspection of property b) bid submission last date c) Date & Time of E-Auction	a) Reserve Price b) EMD Amount c) Bid Increase Amount
Mr. Rajendra Ramchand Punjabi & Mr. Sunil Raj Punjabi. Name & Address of Guarantor: Mrs. Sunitha Raj Punjabi W/o. Mr. Rajendra Ramchand Punjabi, Flat No.T-1, 3rd Floor, A Block, "EKTA Apartment" (KT-44), Property bearing no. 64/1A,Muncipal No. 1, 4th Cross, 1st Main, (old 8th Main), adjacent to LIC Colony, Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bengaluru-560011.	a) **01/08/2017** b) **20-06-2023** c) **Rs. 28,43,334.42** plus interest and costs charges	a) **22-09-2023 Between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm** b) **26-09-2023 till 12.00 pm** c) **26-09-2023 between 01.00 pm to 05.00 pm**	a) **Rs.67,48,000/-** b) **Rs.6,74,800/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**

Description of the Immovable Property : Residential Flat No. T-1, 3RD Floor, A block, "EKTA APARTMENT" (KT-44), Property bearing no.64/1A, Muncipal No.1, 4th Cross, 1st Main, (Old 8th Main), adjacent to LIC Colony, Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bengaluru-560011. **Boundaries of schedule of the property :** East: Open to Space, West: Corridor and Flat No.T-2, North: Flat No.T-3, South: Open to Space.

A/C No. 00240210001288, IFSC Code : UCBA0000024 Email: bangal@ucobank.co.in
UCO Bank, Bangalore City Branch, Contact: Mr.Upendra, (AGM) (080) 43472740/41/55

Details of known encumbrances: Not Known
TERMS AND CONDITIONS
1) Sale shall be subjected to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Detailed terms and Conditions of the sale is available/ Published inthe following websites/ Web Portal: **i) https://ibapi.in, ii) https://mstcecommerce.com/**
2) The Properties are being sold on **"As is Where is Basis" and "As is What is Basis" and" Whatever There is Basis"**
3) The Particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorized Officers, but the Authorized Officer shall not beanswerable for any error, misstatement or Omission in this proclamation.
4) The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website. **https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ ibapi/index.jsp on date 26.09.2023 between 1.00 pm to 5:00 pm.**
5) It is open to the Bank to appoint a representative and make self-bid and participate in the auction.
6) The final decision is vested with Authorised Officer.

Date: 09.09.2023, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, UCO Bank**

MAHAGENCO

Maharashtra State Power Generation Co. Ltd.

E-TENDER NOTICE – 072 / 2023–24

Following e-Tender offers are invited online from registered contractors / companies etc. are available at our website **https://eprocurement.mahagenco.in.**

e-Tender No.	RFX No.	Particulars of Work / Supply	Estt. Cost Rs. (In Lakhs
TN0550 CHP1	3000041595	Biennial work contract for maintenance of BG track in LWR of Khaperkheda TPS-Kalamana railway siding for Year 2023-25.	449.34

Note » Tender cost is Rs. 1,000 /- + GST.

Sd /-
Chief Engineer (O&M)
MSPGCL, TPS Khaperkheda

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD

INVITATION OF BIDS– TWO COVER –ITEMWAR TENDER SYSTEM (E-Submission)

IFB No.	**25 & 26/ F.Thappukundu W.S.S./Deposit/SDO I/ CW /2023/ Dt.05.09.2023**
Funding Pattern	Deposit work
Eligibility	Registered Class I Contractors (Civil)
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Madurai – 625 007
Downloading Period	**15.09.2023 to 14.10.2023** upto **15.00** hours
EMD Payable	Online Mode through E-Tendering website **"https://tntenders.gov.in"**
Pre Bid meeting	**29.09.2023** at **11.00** hours at the office of the Tender Invitee
Bid Submission	**14.10.2023** before **15.00** hours duly Digitally signed encrypted Tenders through E-Tendering website **"https://tntenders.gov.in"**
Bid opening	**16.10.2023** at **15.30** hours through E-Tender Portal

IFB No.	Name of work	Appx. value (including 18% GST)	Bid Security
25	Providing 5.00 MLD Water Supply to SIPCOT Industrial Complex at Thappukundu in Theni District with River Mullaiperiyar as Source as Deposit Work (Period of completion 12 Months, Trial run 6 months and Paid maintenance 24 months)	Rs. 28.00 Crore	Rs. 21.00 Lakhs
26	Providing 0.50 MLD Water Supply to Thoothukudi Airport near Vagaikulam in Thoothukudi District with River Tamirabarani as Soruce as Deposit Work (Period of completion 9 Months, Trial run 3 months and Paid maintenance 12 months)	Rs. 8.45 Crore	Rs. 6.34 Lakhs

DIPR/ 4992 /TENDER/2023
Chief Engineer (i/c), TWAD Board, Madurai
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PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

That in pursuant to the Orders of the Hon'ble LVII Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge, CCH-58, Mayohall, Bengaluru in F.D.P.No.25017/2021, the schedule will be auctioned at **11.00 am** on the spot, on **26-9-2023.** Any person/s or institution/s interested to participate in the Auction may do so, subject to the following terms and conditions.

1. The particulars mentioned about the schedule property, is to the best of the information of the court, as furnished by the parties.
2. The property will be sold in as is where is condition .
3. The bidders shall, deposit a sum of Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs only) by way of Demand Draft, drawn in favour of **"The Registrar City Civil Court, Bangalore"**, before participating in the auction.
4. The initial bid amount will be **Rs. 3,00,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crores Only)** and the subsequent bid will be not be less than Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh only)
5. The highest bidder, shall deposit 25% of the bid amount on the next working day, before 1.30 pm in the court, in default the auction held is deemed to have been revoked and the schedule property will be re-auctioned. A sum of Rs.1,00,000/- from the initial deposit amount will be forfeited towards solatium.
6. This auction sale is subject to confirmation by the Hon'ble Court on 12-10-2023.
7. The Commissioner is at liberty to follow, other procedure in accordance with law, including cancellation, postponement and confirmation of auction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of property bearing **No. 1, North Road, Austin Town III Square, Bengaluru,** measuring East to West 46 Feet and North to South 61 Feet, bounded on East by : Road, West by: Road, North by : Road, South by : Corporation Hostel.

Sd/-
R.Satheesh,
Advocate / Court Commissioner
No.27, Thoppemudaliar Street, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560 001 M: 9845808350

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF E-AUCTION SALE (for immovable properties)

(In terms of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest SARFAESI Act 2002)

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Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower's / Guarantor.	a) Date of Demand Notice b) Date of Possession c) Present outstanding dues	a) Date & Time for inspection of the property b) bid submission last date c) Date & Time of E-Auction	a) Reserve Price b) EMD Amount c) Bid Increase Amount
1	**Hemalatha M Singh,** Flat No.2122, Sobha Forest View Apartment, 12th Floor, Hosahalli,off Kanakpura Main Road, Bangalore-560062. And **Manjunath Singh,** Flat No.2122, Sobha Forest View Apartment, 12th Floor, Hosahalli, off Kanakpura Main Road, Bangalore-560062.	a) **31.01.2018** b) **12.02.2020** c) **Rs.69,72,000/-** plus unapplied interest and costs charges..	a) **25-09-2023 Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.** b) **26-09-2023 before 12.00 noon** c) **26-09-2023 between 01.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.**	a) **Rs.49,60,800/-** b) **Rs.4,96,080/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Description of Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of residential site bearing No.27 released by BMRDA vide their letter dated 24.03.2006 in the residential layout called as "APNA AANGAN" Layout which is approved by BMRDA vide their letter dated :19.08.2011 bearing No. BMRDA/LAO/10/2005-06 and bearing Khaneshmari No.242/75/123456/27 formed out of erstwhile Survey No.75/4 of Rajapura Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, bangalore District duly converted for non-agricultural residential uses and purpose vide Conversion Order Bearing No.ALN.SR.(A) 368/04-05,dt 10.12.2004 and dt 11.01.2005, issued by the Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore Sub Division(South),measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1500Sqft and **bounded on:** East By: 30 feet Road, West By: Site No.30, North By: Site No.28, South By: Site No.26			
2	**Mrs Mohseena M W/o- Mushtafa K,** Flat No.242, Nisarga Sarovara Apartment, Sy.no.49, Banahalli Village, Adjacent to surya city phase-I, off chandapur-anekal road, Bangalore-562107. And **Mr.Mustafa S/o-Veeran Kutty,** Flat no.242, Nisarga Sarovara Apartment, Sy. no.49, Banahalli Village, Adjacent to surya city phase-I, off chandapur-anekal road, Bangalore-562107	a) **03-11-2018** b) **25-02-2019** c) **Rs.26,57,410.05** plus int. and costs w.e.f 31-08-201	a) **25-09-2023 Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.** b) **26-09-2023 before 12.00 noon** c) **26-09-2023 between 01.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.**	a) **Rs.22,89,000/-** b) **Rs.2,28,900/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Description of Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing No. 342 in Third Floor with TMC Khatha project known as "NISARGA SAROVARA" built in Schedule D property as mentioned below and measuring 893 square feet of super built up area approximately inclusive of balconies, utility areas and proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use with one car parking space in the Basement floor together with 295 square feet undivided share, right, title interest and ownership in the land in the schedule D property mentioned below and the apartment is **bounded by:** East by: Flat No.333, West by: CORRIDOR and Flat No.345, North by: Flat No.343, South by: Flat No.341 **SCHEDULE 'D' :** All that piece and parcel of converted property bearing Sy. No. 49, measuring 2 acre 8 guntas of land equivalent to 95832 square feet, Situated at Bannahalli, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District converted as per order of the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District vide ref: BDS:ALN (A) SR: 11/05-06 dated 19.04.2005 and the plan is approved for construction of Multistoried Residential Apartments by the BMRDA vide its ref: NoBMRDA/AnekalPlanningAuthority/LAO/68/05-06 dated 24.11.2007 Plan approval from Secretary, Bommsandra Gram Panchayat plan approval dated 12.03.2010 and modified plan sanction RefNo.BMRDA/Anekal/PlanningAuthoriy/LAO/68/2005-06 dated 23.07.2013 and the entire extent of land is **bounded on:** East by: Road, West by: Raju Kaluve, North by: Jayaramareddy Property, South by: RamaswamyReddy Property.			
3	**Mr.Mustafa K,** No.31, Ground Floor, Pooja Mahalakshmi Layout, Agrahara Layout, Kogilu, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064 **And Mrs Mohseena M,** No.31, Ground Floor, Pooja Mahalakshmi Layout, Agrahara Layout, Kogilu, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064.	a) **03-11-2018** b) **Symbolic 25-02-2019 Physical 12/02/2020** c) **Rs.26,75,276.81** plus unapplied interest & charges etc.	a) **25-09-2023 Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.** b) **26-09-2023 before 12.00 noon** c) **26-09-2023 between 01.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.**	a) **Rs.22,89,000/-** b) **Rs.2,28,900/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Description of Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing No.242 in second floor with TMC khatha project known as "NISARGA SAROVARA" built in schedule D property as mentioned below and measuring 893 square feet of super built up area approx. inclusive of balconies,utility areas and proportionate share in common areas such as passages,lobbies,lifts,staircases and other areas of common use with one car parking space in the basement floor together with 295 square feet undivided share,right,title interest and ownership in the land in the schedule D property mentioned below and the apartment is **bounded by:** East By: Flat No.233, West By: Corridor and Flat No.245, North By: Flat No.243, South By: Flat No.241. **SCHEDULE 'D' :** All that piece and parcel of converted property bearing Sy.No.49, measuring 2 acre 8 guntas of land equivalent to 95832 square feet, Situated at Bannahalli, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District converted as per order of the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District vide ref: BDS:ALN (A) SR: 11/05-06 dated 19.04.2005 and the plan is approved for construction of Multistoried Residential Apartments by the BMRDA vide its ref: NoBMRDA/AnekalPlanningAuthority/LAO/68/05-06 dated 24.11.2007 Plan approval from Secretary, Bommsandra Gram Panchayat plan approval dated 12.03.2010 and modified plan sanction RefNo.BMRDA/Anekal/PlanningAuthoriy/LAO/68/2005-06 dated 23.07.2013 and the entire extent of land is **bounded on:** East by: Road, West by: Raju Kaluve, North by: Jayaramareddy Property, South by: Ramaswamy Reddy Property.			
	A/C No. 01510210000656, IFSC Code : UCBA0000151, UCO Bank, Cantonment-Branch, Bangalore-560001			
4	**Mr. Aggidevara Bhaskara S/o. Shankara Aggidevara,** #18A, Mahadevapura Kariyammana Agrahara, Near Patel Public School, Bellandur-560103.	a) **14.10.2022** b) **18.01.2023** c) **Rs.42,17,075/-** plus interest and costs charges	a) **25-09-2023 Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.** b) **26-09-2023 before 12.00 noon** c) **26-09-2023 between 01.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.**	a) **Rs.45,78,000/-** b) **Rs.4,57,800/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	***Schedule A Property: Item-I* :** All that piece and parcel of property being converted land bearing Old Sy.No.79, New Sy.No.79/2 bears a V P Khata No.615/79/2 situated at Hiranadahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk measuring about 1 Acre, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and **bounded on the:** East by: Land in Sy.No.78 belonged to Sri Ramaprasad, West by: Remaining portion of Land in Sy.No.79/1, North by: Land bearing present Sy.No.80/4 (Item-II Property), South by: Land in Sy.No.79/1 belonged to Sri H M Ramappa. ***Item-II* :** All that piece and parcel of property being converted land bearing Sy.No.80/4, bears a V P Khata No.616/80/4 situated at Hirandahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hoblii, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore EAst Taluk measuring about 23 Guntas, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and **bounded on the:** East by: Land in Sy.No.78 belonged to Sri M. Ramaiah, West by: Land in Sy.No.80/3 belonged to Sri Yalanagamma, North by: Road, South by: Land bearing Old Sy.No.79, present S.No.79/2 (Item-I Property) **Composite Schedule-A Property :** All tha piece and parcel of Property converted land bearing Old Sy.No.79, New Sy.No.79/2, measuring about 1 Acre, Sy.No.80/4, measuring 23 Guntas, (Converted for residential purpose vide Conversion Certificate No. ALN(E) (B) SR: 112/2009-10 dated 06.04.2010, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist, Bangalore), situated at Hirandahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, both the lands together totally measuring about 1 Acre 23 Guntas, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and **bounded on the:** East by: Land in Sy.No.78, West by: Land in Sy.No.79/1 and Sy.No.80/3, North by: Road, South by: Land in Sy.No.79/1. ***Schedule-B* :** 342 Sq.ft undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule-A above. ***Schedule-C* :** Flat bearing No.009, Block A, Ground Floor, Property Sl.No.150200400100820197 measuring 1027 Sq.Ft Super built-up area containing two bedrooms, together with RCC roofing, Vitrified flooring, together with one covered Car parking space, including propotionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building complex known as "Pinnacle" constructed over Schedule 'A' property. East by: Flat No.008, West by: Flat No.010, North by: Private Property, Southby: Flat No.021			
5	**Borrower: S Kiran Kumar and Savitha L,** No.62/1 (Old No.62). PID No.133-W0145-59, Binny Layout, Hampinagar, RPC Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore- 560104. **Co-applicant: Mrs. Savitha L W/o. Mr. S Kiran Kumar**	a) **28-10-2019** b) **10.02.2020** c) **Rs.1,43,48,592.98** plus interest and costs charges	a) **25-09-2023 Between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.** b) **26-09-2023 before 12.00 noon** c) **26-09-2023 between 01.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M.**	a) **Rs.1,90,50,000/-** b) **Rs.19,05,000/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**
	Description of Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the residential conversion site property approved from H.P.A bearing Plot No.30, Khatha No.1057 and Property No.15030040100120140 in the layout (named and known as (NISARGA HI-TECH Phase I Layout) formed in the land converted for non agricultural residential use (vide official memorandum no ALN (H) SR 180/2007-08, dated 17th July 2008, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District), in Sy.No.157/3A, Situated at Kannumalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District measuring to an extant of East to West 15.15 m + 23.30m/2 and North to South 45.70 m + 47.30m/2 i.e., 893.95 square meters or 9622.6 square feet and **bounded on:** East by :Sy.No.157/3A, West by: Sy.No.159, North by: Road, South by: Private Property. Property is in name of **S Kiran Kumar**			
	A/C No. 19580210000694, IFSC Code : UCBA0001958, UCO Bank, HSR Layout Branch			

Details of known encumbrances: Not Known
TERMS AND CONDITIONS
1) Sale shall be subjected to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Detailed terms and Conditions of the sale is available/ Published inthe following websites/ Web Portal: **i) https://ibapi.in, ii) https://mstcecommerce.com/**
2) The Properties are being sold on **"As is Where is Basis" and "As is What is Basis" and" Whatever There is Basis"**
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4) The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website. **https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp on date 26.09.2023 from 1.00 PM to 5.00 PM**
5) It is open to the Bank to appoint a representative and make self-bid and participate in the auction. 6) The final decision is vested with Authorised Officer.

Date: 08.09.2023, Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer, UCO Bank**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

MATHAGIRI, Hosur Cattle Farm, Hosur-635 110, Email: sbi.61275@sbi.co.in

Publication of Notice regarding possession of property u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice.

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As a leader, you should always start with where people are before you try to take them where you want them to go

Jim Rohn

G20: CHINA'S NEW WALL OF POLITICS AND GEOECONOMICS

IT could be a metaphor befitting our times. Two construction workers in China, looking for a way out, ploughed a hole through the Great Wall. It was not an option available to G20 Sherpas skirting past punctuation of interests and faultlines. Crafting consensus on crucial global issues -- already challenged by vertical and horizontal divergences -- is daunted by China's new wall of geopolitical ambitions.

Consider the struggle to articulate an approach on the war in Ukraine. The Leaders Declaration at Bali in 2022 accepted that the G20 is not a forum for security issues issues depending on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's observation that this is not the era for war. In Delhi too, China strenuously opposed the inclusion of geopolitical issues in the declaration. The fact is geopolitical action has geoeconomic consequences.

Timing of events illuminates the shadow of intent. Just a week before the Delhi Summit China chose to unveil a map appropriating territories of India, Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia, Nepal, and Taiwan. The West has long suspected that Russia was helped with arms by China, Iran and North Korea. On September 10, Russian President Vladimir Putin is expected to travel to the port city of Vladivostok to meet North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. On the agenda: talks on weapons supplies. Also invited to the meeting is Zhang Guoqing, former vice premier and politburo member.

THE THIRD EYE

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The impact of evolving fault-lines in the world order is manifest. The emerging consensus at the Delhi G20 is that a "cascading crises" poses challenges to long-term economic growth. This, of course, is not exactly a Eureka moment! The IMF, in its April report, forecast global growth to be around 3 per cent for five years – the lowest since 1990. The United Nations in July 2022 warned of a cascading crisis threatening human survival.

The state of the world economy is visible in the data pouring out of nations. The world's biggest economies are struggling. Germany, the United Kingdom and much of Europe is yo-yoing between stagflation and recession. GDP growth in China is at its lowest since 2012 when Xi Jinping took charge. The debate now is not when but if China will overtake the US. The jury is yet out on when the United States will enter recession. India's economy, now the fifth largest, has performed exceptionally but could be afflicted by global slowdown.

The cause lies in a sequence of events – the pandemic followed by the war in Ukraine – and the consequences thereof. The measures to contain inflation drove up the cost of capital, slowed growth and now present risks for financial stability. Geopolitics triggered de-risking and deglobalisation. This accelerated existing disruptions –ageing demographics, induction of technology and climate change. In 2008 the G20 came together to scaffold the global economy. In 2023, the G20 is confronted with a world drifting apart.

On the face of it, Xi Jinping has waxed eloquent on free trade. On September 2, speaking at a trade meet he observed that "the world economy thrives in openness and withers in seclusion". On the ground, this week China ordered a ban on the use of Apple's iphone across government, enterprises and agencies. It comes close on the heels of the launch of Huawei's Mate 60 Pro with 7-nanometer SMIC processor and a week before Apple's launch of its new editions on September 15. This is not the first ban. In 2022, China banned use of all foreign PCs in government offices, opening up the market for Chinese PCs and in 2021 banned Tesla cars from government compounds.

There is protectionism and then there is obstructionism. India has passionately espoused the cause of Global South under the theme of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future'. The admission of the African Union into the G20 effectively makes it G21 as it ushers in representation. The report of the committee led by N K Singh and Lawrence Summers finalised the draft blueprint for reforming multilateral agencies to fund development. But success depends on how effectively G20 nations campaign to enable relief for the indebted.

There are 70 low income countries listed by the IMF as distressed. Bonds of 21 countries worth $ 240 billion are trading at distress prices. The G20 'Common Framework' is flailing. There is the circumstance of rising interest rates and the China factor. China has lent around $ 1 trillion to over 150 countries – of which $ 82 billion is to poor countries described as the debt diplomacy trap. Restructuring depends on cooperation of lenders. The big roadblock to resolution, as US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen termed it, is China.

For a decade, under Xi Jinping, China has tried to propel subscription for its idea of a new world order. The expansionist agenda – be it the annexation of Taiwan or the repeated incursions into India – is scarcely disguised by its formulation of a new world order as different from the post-colonial post-war template.

The world faces a confluence of existential crises and survival rests on interdependence. This column observed earlier that the powerful are also dependent. The Delhi Declaration was made possible by the network of emerging economies. The G20 cannot stop with articulating an agenda. Success calls for mastering the art of leveraging dependence to vault over the wall of geopolitics and operationalise the agenda.

HINDU RISHI VERSUS BRITISH SUNAK

POWER & POLITICS

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THE Empire tried to strike back but got struck in the back instead at the G20 summit in New Delhi. In the 1940s, as India's freedom struggle raged, Winston Churchill warned, "If Independence is granted to India, power will go to... men of straw." Churchill would be spinning in the grave after UK's Hindu Prime Minister Rishi Sunak famously chanted 'Jai Shri Ram' at Cambridge earlier this month. But "Jai Sunak" calls at the G20 meet were muted. Though the British PM was the first Indian-origin person to run a white country which had enslaved India for over 200 years, Sunak was met at the airport by Minister Of State Ashwani Choubey. India's Prime Minister held a bilateral meeting with him on the summit sidelines and gave him the famous Modi Hug. But he received no special treatment like the heads of the US, Bangladesh and Mauritius, whom Modi invited home to 7 Lok Kalyan Marg for bilateral talks. This was a first in diplomatic history—India's premier throwing an informal dinner for an American president at his residence. Usually, it's the President of India who plays the host. Narendra Modi, the Maestro of Subtle Signals, was his belligerent best—telling Putin and Xi that India was a peninsular superpower which made its calls on oil or Ukraine.

Clearly, Sunak, a brown man trying to prove that he is whiter than the whites, got brownie points from neither India nor Britain. However, he was given an honour similar to other not so significant government leaders. New Delhi isn't amused about the UK law enforcement ignoring terror attacks on the Indian High Commission and failing to block Khalistan protestors. Even after 13 rounds of talks, Whitehall obstructs a vital trade agreement that gives Indian immigrants a better deal. Sunak, who runs with the hare and hunts with the hounds, is experiencing an identity crisis: Is he a Hindu first or a Briton? Diplomacy is heavily imbued with symbolism; despite her Indian roots, Akshata went for a patterned skirt and shirt instead of the sari that her mother would have worn for a ceremonial function. Although this is Sunak's first official India visit, he was hardly feted. He being a staunch Hindu, the ruling political class should have pulled out all stops to celebrate Sunak's arrival with myriad social engagements. When the media aggressively grilled him about British soft pedalling on Khalistan, he replied, "We are working very closely with the Indian government to tackle 'PKE' (Pro-Khalistan Extremism) particularly. I don't think it's right. Our security minister recently was just in India talking to his counterparts. We have working groups together to share intelligence and information so that we can root out this kind of violent extremism. It's not right, and I won't tolerate it in the UK." But it was all bluster. His alibi was, "I'm a proud Hindu, and that's how I was raised. That's how I am. Hopefully, I can visit a Mandir while I'm here for the next couple of days. We just had Raksha Bandhan, so from my sister and my cousins, I have all my rakhis, and I didn't have time to celebrate Janmashtami properly the other day. But hopefully, I said, I can make up for that if we visit a Mandir this time. But it's something that is important to me. I think faith is something that helps everybody who has faith in their lives, particularly when you have these stressful jobs like I have."

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According to government sources, many reasons exist for not extending Sunak special courtesies. He is just one of the 20-odd heads of state attending the Summit. Second, his Conservative Party and prominent ministers are raving at India. The UK Secretary for Home, Suella Braverman, born to Kenyan-Indian and Mauritian parents, is India's most ardent critic. Last year, she attacked Indians publicly, stating, "...the largest groups of people who overstay are Indian migrants. We even reached an agreement with the Indian government last year to encourage and facilitate better cooperation in this regard. It has not necessarily worked very well". She openly opposes the trade deal. Sunak has missed numerous deadlines to deliver on the deal that would benefit Indian tech-fin companies. He told the media, "Lots of progress has been made on this one, but we're not there yet, so we've got to keep going,.." We can't rush it, and I won't rush it." Thousands of Indian students are in limbo because of long term visa restrictions. Hobbled by contradictions, the premier sounded diplomatically undiplomatic on Ukraine, telling journalists, "Well, it's not for me to tell India what positions to take on international issues, but I know India rightly cares about the international rule of law, UN Charter, and respect for territorial integrity. I think those are things that are universal values that we all share. Those are things that I believe, and India, I know, believes in those things too". He indirectly advised New Delhi to support the West in its war against India's age-old ally, Russia. The New Delhi Declaration turned out to be precisely the opposite of what Sunak was lobbying for.

MEA pashas believe Sunak enjoys little clout in his party and doubt his ability to deliver fast. After all, he grabbed power by betraying his mentor, Boris Johnson, and by moving into 10 Downing Street following the resignation of Britain's 44-day PM Liz Truss, who tanked the economy. Now Sunak's popular ratings are plummeting as he faces revolt from within. His Indian family affiliation is a liability. Labour MP Darren Jones questioned the trade treaty, citing Sunak's likely conflict of interests, by arguing that it could benefit Infosys, which Akshata's billionaire dad Narayana Murthy founded and in which she has a substantial shareholding.

Rishi Sunak is a victim of his binary identity predicament. At home, the British aristocracy and white establishment haven't come to terms with a brown person leading them. To make the best of both worlds, he champions Hinduism while wooing the empire nostalgics who abhor everything Indian and Hindu. Sunak was for 'Britain First' when he first became PM: he had "taken the time" to ensure "international negotiations" and "work for the British people" and won't "rush things for the sake of it until they're right for us". It won't go right for Sunak if he fails to resolve Britain's economic and racial crises. Conservatives in India will see him as a white man with brown skin, a Hindu by convenience, and British by convictions. Modi doesn't need Sunak for the global Hindu Diaspora's gargantuan support. India's supremo understands only strength, and the G20 is a summit for strongmen, not a forum for Britain's man of straw--an accidental Prime Minister.

PRE-PAY FOR ALL YOUR TROUBLES

OPINION

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MY water purifier, endorsed by no less than a Bharat Ratna, went kaput. None responded to our service request on the App, the only point of contact. When he did show up, the service guy was from another company and, hence, didn't take any responsibility for the delay in service. Calls to the customer care number said they entertain only sales queries.

A couple of years back, a high-end television from the biggest Japanese brand in India had a problem with its power unit. The company was legally responsible for supplying the parts but had no intention of honouring them. They insisted we buy a new TV; even writing to the global CEO didn't help. No one expected me to invest the next few years of my life fighting a court case for a TV set, and the calculated risk worked well for them. The cost of parts is high, and access is so tricky that repairs are discouraged while encouraging new sales.

As customers, we have stopped expecting customer service from airlines or hotels after booking. Cancellations, modifications, and refunds are terms that belong to another lifetime. Even genuine data entry errors are your responsibility that you must pay for. Bank relationship managers are least interested in any help you may need; they are only interested in selling you the new product for which they have a sales target.

Most businesses today begin and end at selling. Many outsource everything else -- product or service, manufacturing or delivery -- and focus on selling. No wonder we see a huge gap between misleading advertisements and reality. The Genesis of all this lies in the days when beverage brands were the world's biggest, focusing only on marketing and outsourcing everything else. The brand was their biggest asset; the consumer products were merely flavoured carbonated sugar water variations. However, most other businesses owned or at least took responsibility for the complete business cycle. They manufactured, sold and provided post-sales service. There was a human that the customer could go to in case of problems.

However, I have observed the pattern of abandoning customers once they make the sale so many times that I forced myself to ask why. Till a couple of decades ago, everyone in banks or neighbourhood stores would respect and welcome customers with smiles. They would make an effort to keep them happy for continued business. So, what has changed?

One is the transition of the payment cycle from post-paid to pre-paid. Today, we pre-pay on the promise of delivery. Once the business has received the payment, it is least bothered about you. Until the arrival of e-commerce and online transactions, we dealt with real humans instead of bots, so human trust was involved. Not to forget the negotiations we could do for price, value, quality, or quantity. Two, we usually paid after the product was in our hands or the service utilised. We used to pay for hotels at checkout, giving us some leverage to deduct for non-delivery or substandard service. Today, that advantage is wholly gone.

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From a business perspective, with money in their kitty and practically no options for any refund, they have no motivation to keep you happy. Their goal is achieved before you see and feel the product or service. That is why appealing advertisements and influencers are vital for businesses. They also know that your decision to select them was dictated to a large extent by price and promotion, so there is no risk associated with 'word of mouth' bad publicity. Yes, ratings are there, but we all know how easily they can be influenced.

I had booked online at a five-star property in Delhi, so I had pre-paid for the room and the facilities I would use. It took 45 minutes to check in with no apologies or welcome drink. When I ordered room service, I was asked to pay before I ate. At that moment, I wanted the industry to remove the word hospitality from its name as there is nothing left of it anyway. The staff was indifferent and cold---something I never associated with Indian hospitality. The reason is that there was an invisible Online Travel Portal between me and the hotel handling rates and payments, creating a visible disconnect on the ground. A similar hotel in Varanasi billed me for breakfast included in my room tariff on paper, saying it was a problem with the said OTAP and they could do nothing about it. Whose customer am I is a question – one I paid to or one who has to deliver? No one knows.

It reminded me of the couplet from Ramcharitmanas, where the Kevat (boatman) refuses to take 'Utraai' or the disembarking fee. The word carries the inherent meaning that you pay after you cross the river. Inherent here is achieving the customer's goal and satisfaction and acknowledging the relationship that the business cherishes. But it is more meaningful when you have a direct relationship with the customer and not through some invisible algorithms that both of you are oblivious to.

I hope businesses realise that, in the long run, there is more to business than just selling and getting your money.

QUOTE CORNER

Hello, Delhi! It's great to be in India for this year's G20. Great seeing you, Mr. Prime Minister... throughout the G20, we'll affirm that the United States-India partnership is stronger, closer, and more dynamic than any time in history.

Joe Biden, US President, on his first visit to India

Journalist Sai Zaw Thaike's sentencing is yet another indication that freedom of the press has been completely quashed under the military junta's rule, and shows the hefty price independent journalists in Myanmar must pay for their professional work

Swe Win, Editor-in-Chief, Myanmar Now

One player is going to die and you are going to see....brutal (hot, humid weather in New York)... At the end of the first set I couldn't see the ball any more. I played with sensations - try to go for it, try to run, try to catch the balls...

Daniil Medvedev, Russian tennis player

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G20 summit

The two-day G20 summit, in New Delhi with India is at its helm, has started on a good note. That the African Union is becoming an official member this time on being proposed and supported by India is welcome. It's an apt gesture of India towards an age-old friendly continent and sign of its able leadership. The group should build on strengths and work on the weakness of individual countries. India's triumph as the skillful leader would be measured on the basis of its efforts in making all other countries to sign a joint statement.

Dr DVG Sankara Rao, Vizianagaram

Sanatana Dharma

Apropos of the editorial on Sept 9, much is being made out of the Minister's speech on Sanatana Dharma as the Dravidian parties from the times of EVR Periyar, Dr Ambedkar, CN Annadurai have been opposing the inequality rendered to people of the so-called lower communities, especially women, based on Varnashram Dharma which is part of Sanatana Dharma. The explanation on Sanatana Dharma by TN Governor has provoked the DMK and as a result the Minister spoke about eradicating Sanatana Dharma. Unfortunately, his speech has been twisted. You have rightly pointed out the situation reinforcing the perception of the BJP being an upper-caste party.

Rajakumar Arulanandham, Palayamkottai

Premise questionable

I am shocked by the editorial 'Trick is knowing the social nuances of Sanatana Dharma' (Sept 9). Instead of condemning Udayanidhi's open call to eradicate Hinduism, your editorial writer has defended DMK's decades-long war on Hindus and their way of life. Doesn't the writer know that Sanatana Dharma and Hinduism are the same? You are pretending that both are different. Also, your allegation that Hinduism 'enshrines' caste, whatever that means, and restricts the rights of women, is totally false.

Indira Varasyar, Email

President's dinner

It is amusing to see Congress netas like Chidmabaram, Kharge lamenting about democracy forgetting their own party's pathetic record in this regard. They seem to have forgotten Emergency imposed by Indira Gandhi just to save her PM post after the Allahabad court verdict. They also seemed to overlook how their UPA Government functioned with remote control rule by their so-called high command which is nothing but the Sonia family. They simply forgot the invitations extended to all chief minister of the nation as well as former prime minister for the President's dinner and not extending the same to Kharge could not become the death of democracy.

V S Ganeshan, Bengaluru

Inadvertent error

The Congress Chief Ministers of Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Karnataka refused to partake in the dinner hosted by the President of India,nay Bharat, for the leaders of G-20 nations .The reason is that the Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge was not invited. Kharge should have been invited; so also the leader of the largest opposition party in the Lok Sabha, Adhir Ranjan Choudhury. One supposes it was an unintended mistake rather than a deliberate attempt not to invite them.

K R Jayaprakash Rao, Mysuru

Chandy victory

Congratulations to Chandy Oommen for his great success in Puthuppally. The great margin with which he won shows the trust of people in him as well as his late father. It's time to live out the legacy of his father.

Alen Madathaniyil, Thumba

Sun mission

India is again seeking to write its name in the stars. With the sun observation mission, we join a select group of countries keeping an eye on our nearest star. Let us hope that we continue to dominate the space sector going forward.

Jahangir Ali, Mumbai

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Rishi Sunak @RishiSunak
Two nations, one ambition. An ambition rooted in our shared values, the connection between our people and – of course – our passion for cricket.

Cyril Ramaphosa @CyrilRamaphosa
Global reconstruction in the wake of COVID-19 presents a unique opportunity to accelerate the transition to low-carbon, climate resilient, sustainable societies.

Mohamed Bin Zayed @MohamedBinZayed
At the G20 Summit in India I engaged in constructive talks and reaffirmed the UAE's belief that the world must unite to confront the challenges facing humanity.

INDIA'S G20 PRESIDENCY IS A LANDMARK IN MANY WAYS — FROM DELHI DECLARATION TO INDUCTION OF AFRICAN UNION AS A PERMANENT MEMBER TO A SIGNIFICANT MOVE FORWARD IN CLEAN ENERGY, FOOD SAFETY AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF INDIA-MIDDLE EAST-EUROPE CONNECTIVITY CORRIDOR

MODI HAS ONE-ON-ONE WITH SUNAK, KISHIDA & MELONI

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister, Narendra Modi on Saturday had key bilateral meetings with three heads of governments on the sidelines of G20 summit meetings. These included British PM Rishi Sunak, his Italian counterpart Giorgia Meloni and Japan PM Fumio Kishida.

Modi and Sunak are reported to have discussed the Free Trade Agreement (FTA), which are nearing conclusion. "The two leaders had a productive conversation about the UK-India FTA. PM Sunak reiterated UK's ambition to deliver a landmark trade deal, which benefits businesses and workers in both countries and grows our trade in both goods and services. They agreed that negotiating teams would continue to work at pace towards an FTA," said a British High Commission spokesperson.

"It was great to have met Rishi Sunak on the sidelines of the G20 Summit. We discussed ways to deepen trade linkages and boost investment. India and UK will keep working for a prosperous and sustainable planet," said PM Modi.

India and Japan are partners in Quad and PM Kishida has come to India for a second time this year. The two leaders held bilateral talks on Saturday. "Held productive talks with PM Kishida. We took stock of India-Japan bilateral ties and the ground covered during India's G20 Presidency and Japan's G7 Presidency. We are eager to enhance cooperation in connectivity, commerce and other sectors," said PM Modi.

The PM also had a bilateral meeting with Italian PM Meloni. "I had an excellent discussion with PM Meloni. Our talks covered various sectors including trade, defence, emerging technologies and much more. India and Italy will continue to work together for global prosperity," he said.

On Friday, Modi had three bilateral meetings beginning with Mauritian PM Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, Bangladesh's PM Sheikh Hasina and US President Joe Biden.

Modi is expected to have close to 15 bilateral meetings before the conclusion of the Summit on Sunday, which includes a working lunch with French President, Emmanuel Macron.

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POWER-PACKED SHOW AT BHARAT MANDAPAM

Clockwise from top: PM Modi holds bilateral meetings on the sidelines of G20 Summit with his British counterpart Rishi Sunak, Japanese PM Fumio Kishida and Italian PM Giorgia Meloni ; World Bank chief Ajay Banga, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, PM Modi, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa and US President Joe Biden

The Delhi Declaration

- **UKRAINE WAR:** Said Use or threat of use of nuclear weapons is inadmissible. Reiterated national positions and resolutions adopted at the UNSC and the UNGA and underscored that all states must act in a manner consistent with the Purposes and Principles of the UN Charter in its entirety
- **TERRORISM:** Condemned terrorism in all forms and manifestations, including those on the basis of xenophobia, racism, or in the name of religion or belief
- **RELIGION:** Deplored all acts of religious hatred against persons... without prejudice to domestic legal frameworks, including against religious symbols and holy books
- **GLOBAL ECONOMY:** Called for a strong, sustainable and inclusive growth as an answer to uneven recovery the world has seen from the pandemic-infused plunder
- **CROSSBORDER PAYMENTS:** Resolved to promote faster, cheaper, more transparent & inclusive cross-border payments as envisaged in the G20 Roadmap for Enhancing Cross-border Payments
- **CLIMATE:** Agreed to accelerate clean, sustainable, just, affordable and inclusive energy transitions for sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth
- **CLIMATE FINANCE:** To achieve net-zero emissions by 2050, developing countries will require approximately $4 trillion annually by 2030
- **AGRICULTURE:** Committed to facilitating "open, fair, predictable and rules-based" trade in agriculture, food and fertilisers and not impose export curbs in line with WTO rules
- **GENDER:** Committed to closing gender gaps, promoting full, equal, effective women's participation in the economy as decision-makers
- **CORRUPTION:** Reaffirmed commitment to zero tolerance for corruption; reaffirmed support to enhance efforts to seize, confiscate and return criminal proceeds to victims and states
- **SKILLS:** Committed to addressing skill gaps, promoting decent work and ensuring inclusive social protection policies for all to effectively addressing global skills for sustainable and inclusive economic development
- **CRYPTO ASSETS:** Endorsed the Financial Stability Board's recommendations on regulation, supervision and oversight of crypto assets to mitigate risks associated with such an ecosystem.
- **EDUCATION:** Recognized importance of investment in supporting human capital, and foundational learning -- literacy, numeracy and socio-emotional skills as the primary building block for education and employment

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

Satellite mission for climate

India on Saturday proposed to launch a 'G20 Satellite Mission for Environment and Climate Observation', with an aim to help the countries of the Global South. Prime Minister Narendra Modi made the suggestion at the G20 Leaders' Summit in the presence of world leaders including US President Joe Biden, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and South Africa President Cyril Ramaphosa, among others. Modi said the G20 satellite mission would be beneficial for all of humanity just as the data obtained from India's successful Chandrayaan moon mission. "The climate and weather data obtained from this will be shared with all the countries, especially the countries of the Global South. India invites all G-20 countries to join this initiative," Modi said during a session at the G20 Leaders Summit.

Russia rider on grain deal

Some leaders at the G20 Summit stressed that Russia's grains and fertilisers are a necessity to ensure food security in poor nations. They demanded stopping of military destruction on relevant infrastructure crucial for sustaining food and energy security. Ukraine and Russia, the world's largest wheat exporters, have been at war since February 2022, which has severely impacted global food supply. However, Russia didn't show any interest in resumption of grain deals until its conditions were met. One of the demands was to reconnect its state agricultural bank to the international SWIFT bank payments system.

Renewables investments to treble

For the first time, the world leaders agreed on tripling renewables targets by 2030 and putting a number to the need for climate finance at the 18th G20 Summit. The Delhi declaration encourages tripling of Renewable Energy capacity and voluntary doubling the rate of energy efficiency improvement by 2030 is a major takeaway from this G20 meeting, says environmentalists. "The agreement to triple renewable energy globally will be a huge boost to the clean energy sector if it can be matched with technology and finance," said Dr Ajay Mathur, Director General, International Solar Alliance. The Delhi Declaration gives hope towards climate action from the world's major emitters responsible for 85% of emissions, however they missed agreeing on phasing out unabated fossil fuels. Climate experts term it as a big win.

HEARD IN THE CORRIDOR

Shehnai, Konark Wheel in backdrop

The delegates were welcomed to the G20 Summit venue, with an ambience suffused with classical and devotional music. The soothing strains of Shehnai softly played 'Vaishnaw jan to', 'padharo mharo des' and 'Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram' as the guests walked the red carpet and were welcomed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. At the welcome point was displayed a huge replica of the Konark Wheel, the pride of Odisha. Almost all the delegates glanced over the Konark Wheel replica and got photographed with PM Modi with it in the backdrop.

Special gesture for Saudi crown prince

Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman was the only delegate, who was received by a Cabinet rank minister, as he arrived in New Delhi. Other leaders, including US President Joe Biden, were received by people in Minister of State ranks. According to sources, this was because Salman is on a three-day State visit, during which he will hold a bilateral meeting and co-chair the first leaders' meeting of the Strategic Partnership Council with PM Modi. After participating in the G20 Summit, he will continue his stay in India on Monday for the State visit.

Selfie time for Biden, Hasina

Not only did the G20 Summit serve a global platform for wider deliberations on serious issues challenging the world, but it also provided some lighter moments for the delegates who interacted with each other. Some leaders were seen shaking hands and taking selfies during a break. Among them were US President Joe Biden and Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina, who turned eyeballs when they cheerfully posed for a selfie together. When Biden met Hasina, they had some very cordial and candid chat for a few minutes. The duo then posed to clicked a selfie, laughing.

New economic corridor to connect Asia, Europe & US

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INDIA, the US, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, France, Germany, Italy and the European Union on Saturday signed an MoU to develop a new India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC). The corridor is expected to boost economic development through enhanced connectivity and economic integration across two continents.

Hailed by the PM Narendra Modi as "a beacon of cooperation, innovation, and shared progress", the corridor will have a rail connectivity, linked through ports connecting Europe, Middle East, and Asia.

According to a statement released by the White House, the US and its partners intend to link both continents (Asia and Europe) to commercial hubs and facilitate the development and export of clean energy; lay undersea cables and link energy grids and telecommunication lines to expand reliable access to electricity; enable innovation of advanced clean energy technology; and connect communities to secure and stable Internet.

The IMEC will have two separate corridors — the east corridor connecting India to the Arabian Gulf and the northern corridor connecting the Arabian Gulf to Europe.

The corridor will include a railway line, which will provide a cost-effective cross-border ship-to-rail transit network to supplement existing maritime and road transport routes. The corridor will be used for transit of goods and services between India, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel, and Europe.

According to the MoU, the stakeholders of the corridor intend to enable the laying of cable for electricity and digital connectivity, as well as pipe for clean hydrogen export along the railway route. The corridor will secure regional supply chains, increase trade accessibility, improve trade facilitation, and support an increased emphasis on environmental social, and government impacts.

The partner countries expect the corridor to increase efficiencies, reduce costs, enhance economic unity, generate jobs, and lower greenhouse gas emissions — resulting in a transformative integration of Asia, Europe and the Middle East.

PM Modi posted on X: "Charting a journey of shared aspirations and dreams, the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor promises to be a beacon of cooperation, innovation, and shared progress. As history unfolds, may this corridor be a testament to human endeavour and unity across continents."

The US says it has committed support to transformative regional investments and working to build out the corridor.

India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor

- Project involves India, UAE, Saudi Arabia, EU, France, Italy, Germany and the US
- Initially discussed at a meeting of NSAs in Saudi Arabia in May; Ajit Doval attended it
- Project is open to expansion with countries like Greece may join in the future
- Primary aim is to establish a robust transit network, including shipping routes between India and Saudi Arabia, followed by a rail connection to UAE, and potentially extending to Jordan. From Jordan, shipments will proceed by sea to Turkey and further inland via rail
- The Dubai port, particularly Jebel Ali port, may play a key role in connecting UAE and India
- Sea routes between India and Dubai, possibly through Kandla and JNPT ports, are part of the connectivity plan; Mundra port in Gujarat is also under consideration
- The Dubai port is likely to serve as the starting point for the proposed rail link that would connect the UAE to Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Israel, and Europe

This is a real big deal. One Earth, One Family, One Future, that's the focus of this summit. In many ways, it's the focus of this partnership we are talking about today

Joe Biden, US President

The Economic Corridor will be the most direct link to date between India, the Arabian Gulf and Europe with a rail link that will make trade 40% faster

Ursula von der Leyen, European Commission President

Japan is delivering transport infrastructure development projects. Going forward, we want to take this a step further, in areas including supply chains

Fumio Kishida, Japan PM

US, Brazil join India-led Global Biofuel Alliance

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

PRIME minister Narendra Modi on Saturday announced the launch of Global Biofuel Alliance (GBA), and invited other G20 states and countries to join the initiative. The alliance is an India-led Initiative, with the United States and Brazil as its founding members. The purpose of the alliance is to develop and facilitate adoption of biofuels in the world.

"With the spirit of collective effort, today, India has some suggestions on this G-20 platform. Today, the need of the hour is that all countries should work together in the field of fuel blending. Our proposal is to take an initiative at a global-level to take ethanol blending in petrol up to 20%. In this context, today, we are launching the Global Biofuel Alliance. India invites all of you to join this initiative," said prime minister Narendra Modi, while addressing the first session of the G20 Summit in New Delhi.

Biofuels is a renewable fuel derived from biomass–from plants or agricultural, animal, domestic, and industrial biowaste.

According to the government, so far 19 countries and 12 international organisations have already agreed to join the alliance.

The Biofuel Alliance will facilitate mobilising a virtual marketplace to assist industries, countries, ecosystem players and stakeholders in mapping demand and supply, and connecting technology providers to end users.

The government said that it will also facilitate development, adoption and implementation of internationally recognised standards, codes, sustainability principles and regulations to incentivise biofuel adoption and trade. "Announcement of the GBA showcases the action-oriented nature of India's positive agenda as G20 President and representing the 'Voice of the Global South'," the petroleum ministry said in a press note.

GBA will offer capacity-building exercises, technical support for national programmes and promoting policy lessons-sharing.

FDA RAIDS

Officials of the Food and Drug Administration (Konkan region) cracked down on manufacturers of dairy products in Maharashtra's Thane city and seized substandard food items worth more than Rs 4 lakh, an official said.

27 kg HEROINE SEIZED IN 2 DIFFERENT OPS IN PUNJAB

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	35	25	Bhopal	33	25
Jaipur	36	25	Amritsar	38	27
Chennai	32	26	Kolkata	31	26
Srinagar	34	26	Mumbai	31	27
Panaji	30	26	Patna	37	28
Lucknow	35	27	Port Blair	29	27
Imphal	28	22	Chandigarh	34	23

Chouhan announces aid for victims of lynching

Cabinet to rename Antyodaya Yojana as CM'S Ladli Bahna scheme

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan addresses a public meeting, at Barwah in Khargone district on Saturday | PTI

WITH assembly elections just around the corner, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan-led government on Saturday decided to implement Mob Lynching Victim Compensation Scheme for relief and rehabilitation of lynching victims and their dependents.

Under this scheme, the crime of mob lynching is defined as causing harm to any person or persons by a mob of five or more persons on grounds of religion, caste, sex, place of birth, language, food habits, sexual orientation, political affiliation, ethnicity or other such ground or grounds or involves any act or series of acts of violence intended to cause injury.

In July, the Supreme Court issued a notice to the Centre and six states including Madhya Pradesh over a plea on mob lynching continuing despite a top court's verdict five years ago holding the government responsible for protecting the lives of victims.

In May 2022, two tribal men aged 45 and 60 years, were allegedly lynched by a mob "belonging to Bajrang Dal and Ram Sena" in the Seoni district of the tribal-dominated Mahakoshal region.

In the same month, a mentally unstable man was allegedly lynched by a mob "led by a local BJP leader" over suspicion of being a Muslim in Neemuch district.

Back in 2019 and 2020, at least three persons, including a mentally unstable woman and a man were lynched by mobs over suspicion of child lifting in Singrauli, Dhar and Anuppur districts.

Other decisions

The state cabinet decided to rename the "Mukhyamantri Antyodaya Awas Yojana" as "Mukhyamantri Ladli Bahna Awas Yojana" to encompass the houseless eligible families of all categories.

It was also decided to increase the current monthly honorarium of cooks engaged in the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman Yojana from the current Rs 2,000 to Rs 4,000 per month and doubling of the monthly honorarium of guest teachers of Class-1 from ₹ 9,000 to ₹18,000, Class-2 from ₹7,000 to ₹14,000 and of Class-3 from ₹5,000 to ₹10,000.

Digvijaya in a fix for posting 'fake' opinion poll on Cong landslide

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

FORMER Madhya Pradesh chief minister and presently the Congress MP Digvijaya Singh has landed into yet another controversy in the assembly poll bound central Indian state.

The controversy relates to Singh and state Congress's media wing head KK Mishra sharing a video on social media, claiming to reveal findings of an opinion poll (conducted by a national news channel) in which the Congress is shown to be poised to get massive majority in the coming assembly polls. With the officials and journalists of the concerned news channel posting on the social media portal X (formerly Twitter) about the video clip having been made after tampering their channel's old opinion poll and demanding strict action against those spreading fake news, both Mishra and Singh deleted the post.

However, it wasn't enough to prevent the ruling BJP from going on the offensive against the Congress. "Congress has the support of lies, but this time false support wont help. This is why they have to face public anger," the MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan posted on X.

Whistle-blower of Red Diary spotted with Shinde in Raj

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

DISMISSED minister and Congress MLA Rajendra Gudha, who had launched a front against the Ashok Gehlot government over the 'Red Diary', joined the Shiv Sena's Shinde faction on Saturday.

The ruling Eknath Shinde faction has an alliance with the BJP and NCP's Ajit Pawar group in Maharashtra.

Gudha went along with Shinde in his native village near Neem Ka Thana district in the presence of the Maharashtra CM, who appointed him as the coordinator for Rajasthan.

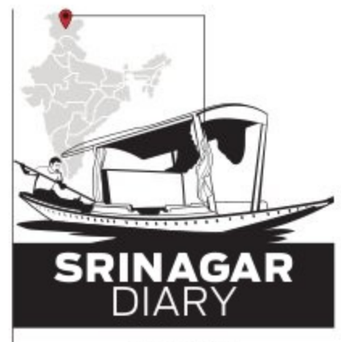
Shinde hit out at Ashok Gehlot, who has also been the target of Gudha's onslaught over the past two months. It was also Gudha's son's birthday, and this function was organized to mark the special occasion. Shinde welcomed Gudha into the party by draping him in a Shiv Sena scarf.

Gudha has previously been associated with the Mayawati-led BSP and Congress.

Speaking to the media, Gudha launched a scathing attack on Gehlot. He recalled the political crisis faced by the Gehlot government, saying that when the party's central observers Mallikarjun Kharge and Ajay Maken arrived, people like Gudha were treated poorly.

It was widely expected that Gudha would join BJP given his offensive against the Congress and the CM Gehlot in particular. Gudha's joining the Shinde group is apparently aimed at avoiding allegations of his nexus with the BJP.

Gehlot had dismissed Gudha from his ministerial post for criticizing the government. The MLA likened the situation in Rajasthan with Manipur and accused Gehlot of corruption, citing the Red Diary. Experts say Gudha will not lose his MLA status immediately.



SRINAGAR DIARY

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JK's businessman purchases land on Moon

Rupesh Masson, a 49-year-old businessman and educationist from Jammu, has purchased one acre of land on the "Lake of Happiness" tract on the moon after Chandrayaan-3's successful landing on the moon. Rupesh, who is the regional director of UCMAS for J&K and Leh, said he bought land at "Luna Earths Moon", Tract 55-Parcel 10,772 known as Lacus Felicitatis or Lake of Happiness. He brought the land from The Lunar Registry at New York City and it was certified on August 25. According to The Lunar Registry website, the current rate of plot is `2,405 per acre ($29.07/acre).

Municipal wards reserved for women

As the tenure of the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) is coming to an end and the elections for the municipal and ULBs likely to be held by the end of this year or early next year, 358 municipal wards out of total 1,119 municipal wards in J&K have been reserved for women. It is a move aimed at promoting gender representation in local governance. The J&K's Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) has also proposed reservation of wards for SC and ST. It has proposed reservation on 86 wards for SCs and 14 wards for STs. This allocation is based on population data. In Srinagar and Jammu civic bodies, the highest number of 25 wards are reserved for women.

Govt buildings to get facelift, DC orders

The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bidhuri has directed a facelift of government buildings along the major roads in the Valley. This facelift of government buildings is being done to add more to the beautification of the city and other major towns of the Valley. The officials have been instructed to go for a facelift of the government buildings through painting the exterior walls, boundary walls & roofs to enhance the aesthetic of these establishments. The officials hope that small interventions can bring huge change.

CRACKDOWN

PFI functionary held in Bihar's East Champaran

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

Mohammad Riyaz Maroof alias Bablu, said to be state secretary of a banned outfit — Popular Front of India (PFI) — was arrested from Bihar's East Champaran district on Saturday. He had been involved in anti-national activities across the country.

Acting on a tip-off, a police team conducted a raid at suspected hideout of Riyaz at Subhash Chowk under Chakia police station in East Champaran district and took him into custody. He is being interrogated by senior police officials at an undisclosed location.

Superintendent of Police, East Champaran, Kantesh Kumar Mishra said on Saturday that the district police were on the look out of Riyaz for long.

He said Riyaz is stated to be one of the main operatives of PFI. He had served as state secretary of the banned outfit. His interrogation will provide some more vital information about the banned organisation, the SP said. Riyaz's name had surfaced during interrogation of PFI activists arrested earlier from Naya Tola locality under Phulwarisharif police station in the state capital.

If not serious on peace, go to other states, BJP MLA to Kuki legislators

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

These so-called legislators seem to be attending office in another state. Are they all serious to bring a peaceful solution? And how will that be possible by discussing with another state leader who has a different agenda?

Rajkumar Imo Singh, BJP MLA

A ruling BJP MLA in Manipur has asked the state's 10 Kuki-Zo legislators to quit and contest from another state if they are not serious about working for peace and focused only on "separate administration" demand. **Rajkumar Imo Singh**, the BJP MLA, asked how these elected representatives, seven of them from his party, could find a solution to the ongoing turmoil in Manipur by talking to Mizoram Chief Minister Zoramthanga.

"These so-called legislators seem to be attending office in another state. Are they all serious to bring a peaceful solution in our state? And how will that be possible by discussing with another state leader who has a different agenda?" Singh wrote on X, previously Twitter.

The Kuki-Zo legislators had a closed-door meeting with the Mizoram CM in Aizawl on Wednesday. Leaders of some Kuki-Zo civil society organisations also attended it.

Singh said if these legislators continue to stick to their demand and are not serious in bringing about peace, he would urge them to resign from the Manipur Assembly.

"...it is morally not correct to remain in public office, take salary from the state and talk about division and separation from the state," Singh said, adding that it is better to have legislators in these constituencies from other tribal communities who are willing to work unitedly for the state's progress.

The Kuki-Zo lawmakers raised the demand of separate administration after Manipur was virtually partitioned on ethnic lines in the wake of the violence.

No factions within NCP, only a few defections for personal gains: Sharad

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

NATIONALIST Congress Party (NCP) veteran Sharad Pawar on Saturday said in the petitions filed with the Election Commission of India (ECI), he has claimed that there were "no factions" within his party except just a few "mischievous individuals" defecting from the NCP for their "personal ambitions".

Sharad Pawar was apparently referring to his nephew Ajit Pawar, who with over 30 MLAs and one Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha member joined hands with the BJP and became a part of the NDA. Ajit Pawar was appointed as Deputy Chief Minister while eight NCP MLAs were inducted as state ministers.

It also led to the fight for national president's post of NCP as both Sharad and Ajit Pawar called themselves the "real head." "We have established the recurring contradictory stands of Ajit Pawar and how he has, without any legal or material basis, made a claim before the ECI," the Sharad Pawar faction said.

"We have communicated to the ECI that there exists no dispute within the party and that except for a few mischievous individuals, who for their personal ambitions, have defected from the party," it said.

Sources said Sharad is not willing to change his stand and will keep it the same. "The party has already filed the disqualification petitions before Assembly Speaker. We learned a lot from the split in Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena. Ajit will have to prove how he was elected as national president of NCP and the legal basis for it," a senior NCP leader said.

"Ajit Pawar and others who sided with him have been expelled from the party. We are confident that the verdict of the ECI will be from our side," the leader added.

Rajya Sabha member Praful Patel, who has sided with Ajit Pawar, said Sharad Pawar's nephew has the support of large number of MLAs and the district president of the party. In a democracy, the numbers matter, so our is the real NCP. We will prove our stand," he added. Ajit Pawar has filed a petition with the ECI claiming that he has a large support of the NCP legislators and that the election symbol belongs to his faction.

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G20 SPECIAL

GI-tagged Himachal products find a pride of place at Bharat Mandapam

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

Artisans at a stall at the G20 Crafts Bazaar, an exhibition/sale, during the G20 Summit at the Bharat Mandapam, in New Delhi on Saturday | PTI

AT the G20 summit venue at Bharat Mandapam a range of GI-tagged products from Himachal Pradesh is on display. These include Chamba Rumals made by Padma Shri recipient Lalita Vakil, stoles and shawls from national award winner Gulab Naotam, Bodh shawls, local sheep wool products from Kullvi Whims based in Naggar and toys from Chap Foundation and local NGO in Dharamshala Dolls4Tibet.

Also making a bold statement are trinkets like key rings and fridge magnets by students of the Fine Art College.

Sources said the HP State Handicrafts and Handloom Corporation has a special stall created for G20 leaders at Pragati Maidan in which crafts of various states are on display.

Lalita Vakil has showcased the exquisitely embroidered rumals (handkerchiefs) of Chamba which depict epic scenes of Ramayana and Mahabharata besides depicting the daily lifestyle and folk stories of the region.

It takes at least three weeks to complete a one-by-one ft rumal with borders on all sides.

Miniature paintings of the Chamba school, leather products, mainly Chamba chappals (slippers), and metal artifacts are on display.

Also on display are Kullu and Kinnauri shawls, 'patti' (made-from sheep wool), Kangra miniature paintings and souvenirs and toys made by Gaddi pastoralists, and the British-era Kangra tea. These have been protected by GI tags by the European Union.

Guests to get UP's rare lotus in brass as memento

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

IT would be another feather in UP's cap when Prime Minister Narendra Modi would gift the State heads and foreign dignitaries at the G-20 summit a unique hand-made artefact of brass in the shape of a lotus, named 'Kamalam', from Mahoba in Bundelkhand as a memento.

Crafted by Manmohan Saini, a metal craftsman and a national award winner from Mahoba, the artefact is five inches tall with 16 petals — eight big ones and eight small petals.

In fact, Saini was sounded eight months in advance by the UP Handicrafts Development and Marketing Corporation to prepare 50 lotuses in brass. As per the craftsman, all the artefacts were sent to Delhi in advance with spare pieces. "I am extremely excited that my work will be seen at such a high platform and I am sure the brass work will get a new lease of life after this," said Saini.

Sharing the details of the piece, he claimed that once it is opened, the artefact resembles a lotus in full bloom and when it is closed, all the petals are locked into the shape of a lotus bud.

"It is in the form of a special lotus prepared in a way that a slight rotation will open its outermost petals and, on rotating further, will result in a fully bloomed flower," he said, adding that he is the only artisan who can prepare these. Saini said that it took three months to make 50 lotuses and the corporation experts regularly monitored the making for quality control and design.

Saini's 'Kamalam' hogged the limelight in 2016 when BJP MP Kunwar Pushpendra Chandel gifted it to Prime minister Narendra Modi at the Parivartan rally. It caught PM's attention and won a lot of appreciation.

Saini said he learnt this craft from his father Gyasi Saini who used make decorative pieces of brass in Kulpahad. He said he was assisted by his family in the endeavour. His two brothers Azad Saini and Shiv Kumar Saini have also won state awards in the skill.

According to Mahoba District Magistrate Mridul Chowdhary, the handicraft development corporation had got in touch with Saini directly and had taken the delivery of all artefacts. "It is a matter of pride for Mahoba district and Bundelkhand that such a unique memento made in Mahoba will be given to the sate heads and foreign dignitaries at the G-20 summit," said the DM.

Among many accolades and awards, Saini won national award in 2012 and organised an exhibition of his craft in Moscow the same year. "At one time, Mahoba was known because of its brass work in the country but no longer. I hope this will revive the traditional brass work in Mahoba and around," he said.

THREE
killed in clashes at a south Lebanon Palestinian camp on Saturday

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	31	21	SNY	Los Angeles	23	17	HR
Colombo	28	26	LC	Melbourne	19	7	LC
Dhaka	33	27	LR	Moscow	22	12	LC
Dubai	41	32	SNY	New York	33	23	LC
Houston	36	27	SNY	Singapore	32	28	SNY
Istanbul	29	21	SNY	Toronto	28	21	LC
London	26	16	LC	Washington	35	23	SNY

SCRAMBLE TO FIND SURVIVORS IN MOROCCO

Troops and emergency personnel rush to remote mountain villages where hundreds of people are feared trapped

Residents flee their homes after an earthquake in Moulay Brahim village, near Marrakech, Morocco on Saturday | AP

MOULAY BRAHIM

MOROCCO'S deadliest earthquake in decades has killed more than 1,000 people, authorities said on Saturday, as troops and emergency services scrambled to reach remote mountain villages where casualties are still feared trapped.

The 6.8-magnitude quake struck late on Friday in a mountainous area 72 kilometres southwest of tourist hotspot Marrakesh, the US Geological Survey reported.

With strong tremors also felt in the coastal cities of Rabat, Casablanca and Essaouira, the quake caused widespread damage and sent terrified residents and tourists scrambling to safety in the middle of the night.

"I was nearly asleep when I heard the doors and the shutters banging," said Ghannou Najem, a Casablanca resident who was visiting Marrakesh when the quake hit.

"I went outside in a panic. I thought I was going to die alone," she said.

In the mountain village of Moulay Brahim near the quake's epicentre, rescue teams searched for survivors in the rubble of collapsed houses while residents began digging graves for the dead on a nearby hill, journalists said.

The army set up a field hospital in the village and deployed "significant human and logistical resources" to support the rescue operation, state news agency MAP reported.

It was the strongest-ever quake to hit the North African kingdom, and one expert described it as the region's "biggest in more than 120 years".

Updated interior ministry figures on Saturday showed the quake killed at least 1,037 people, the vast majority in Al-Haouz, the epicentre, and Taroudant provinces.

An AFP correspondent saw hundreds of people flocking to the square to spend the night for fear of aftershocks, some with blankets while others slept on the ground.

Faisal Badour, an engineer, said he felt the quake three times in his building in Marrakesh. "There are families who are still sleeping outside because we were so scared of the force of this earthquake," he said. "The screaming and crying was unbearable."

"I have at least 10 members of my family who died... I can hardly believe it, as I was with them no more than two days ago," Houda Outassaf, a local resident said. *AFP*

NORTH AFRICA'S BIGGEST QUAKE IN MORE THAN 120 YEARS

It is the strongest-ever quake to hit the North African kingdom of Morocco, and one expert called it the region's "biggest in more than 120 years"

SHALLOW QUAKE

According to the US Geological Survey (USGS), shallow earthquakes are those that occur at a depth of 0-70 km. The USGS said the epicenter of the Morocco quake was 18 kilometers below the Earth's surface, while Morocco's seismic agency put it at 11 kilometers down

If the epicenter of a quake is deep beneath the ground, by the time the seismic waves reach the surface, it will have lost much of its energy. In the case of shallow quakes seismic waves are able to bring much more destructive energy to the surface

A RARE OCCURRENCE IN NORTH AFRICA

Earthquakes are relatively rare in North Africa. Lahcen Mhanni, Head of the Seismic Monitoring and Warning Department at the National Institute of Geophysics, said. The earthquake was the strongest ever recorded in the region

Where destructive earthquakes are rare, buildings are simply not constructed robustly enough... so many collapse, resulting in high casualties

Bill McGuire, professor emeritus at University College London

1960
A magnitude 5.8 tremor struck near the city of Agadir and caused thousands of deaths. The Agadir quake prompted changes in construction rules in Morocco, but many buildings are not built to withstand such tremors

2004
A 6.4 magnitude earthquake near the Mediterranean coastal city of Al Hoceima left more than 600 dead

TREMORS FELT IN EUROPE

Friday's quake was felt as far away as Portugal and Algeria, according to the Portuguese Institute for Sea and Atmosphere and Algeria's civil defence agency

Rival Algeria opens airspace to facilitate aid delivery

MARRAKESH

ALGERIA will allow aircraft carrying humanitarian aid to quake-hit Morocco to pass through its airspace, the president's office announced Saturday, suspending a two-year ban on flights to its regional rival.

Algeria closed its airspace to all Moroccan aircraft in September 2021 after having cut diplomatic ties with its longtime foe. Algerian authorities "have decided to open the airspace to flights transporting humanitarian aid and injured" from the quake, the president's office said in a statement.

Meanwhile, leaders and diplomats the world over expressed condolences and support on Saturday for Morocco.

US President Joe Biden said he was "deeply saddened by the loss of life and devastation".

Chinese leader Xi Jinping expressed "deep grief for the victims" and hoped that "the Moroccan government and people will be able to overcome the impact of this disaster".

French President Emmanuel Macron said he was "devastated" and said that "France stands ready to help with first aid". Pope Francis expressed his "profound solidarity" with Morocco after the quake, according to the Vatican.

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) warned on Saturday that responding to the earthquake could take months if not years.

"We are mobilising now to support the Moroccan Red Crescent," Hossam Elsharkawi, IFRC's regional director, said in a statement.

Stranded local residents receive food from a volunteer in the flooded town of Palamas, near Karditsa in Greece on Saturday | AP

Hundreds stranded in Greek towns cut off by severe floods

ATHENS

FIREFIGHTERS backed by the army were rescuing hundreds of people on Saturday in villages in central Greece blocked off by floods that have claimed at least 10 lives.

"More than 2,850 people have been rescued since the beginning of the bad weather," fire department spokesman Yannis Artopios told broadcaster Mega on Saturday.

"There are still many people in the villages around Karditsa, Palamas and toward Trikala. They are not missing, they are trapped," he said, adding that six people were officially missing.

Several houses remain under water in the village of Palamas and rescue workers were trying to reach marooned people, an AFP journalist said.

"It was truly hellish," said 54-year-old Palamas resident Eleni Patouli. "We were stick without help or information for hours. The (emergency services) 112 message to evacuate arrived just as we were facing up to the flooding and we had no means of escape," she told AFP.

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Palamas resident

The situation also remains worrying near the city of Larissa, a few kilometres to the east.

"We are having great difficulties with the Pinios river, next to the city of Larissa, which has overflowed and reached a height of 2.5 metres on the outskirts of Larissa," Artopios said.

The flooding has laid waste to thousands of hectares of rich agricultural land and farmers have also lost substantial livestock numbers.

"We are devastated. More than 1,500 pigs have drowned — 70 percent of our farm suffered damage," said Thomas Kasos.

In the port city of Volos, the water supply has become a problem, since pumping stations and a large part of the supply network were damaged. The health ministry has warned that the water is not suitable for drinking.

"Gastroenteritis cases have appeared and there is a risk of that increasing if people don't have enough water. Authorities need to distribute at least two litres of drinking water to everyone," a professor said. *AFP*

UK police nab terror suspect who escaped London jail

LONDON

UK police on Saturday arrested a terror suspect who escaped from a London prison earlier this week, sparking a nationwide manhunt.

"Metropolitan Police officers have arrested Daniel Khalife. Officers apprehended him just before 11 am today in the Chiswick area, and he is currently in custody," the force said.

"My thanks to the police officers for their fantastic work over the past couple of days," Prime Minister Rishi Sunaksaid.

The 21-year-old former soldier fled from Wandsworth prison in south London on Wednesday morning, probably by clinging to the bottom of a delivery van.

His disappearance triggered a major hunt with extra security checks introduced at ports and airports amid fears he may try to flee the country.

But following confirmed sightings in south west London, he was eventually apprehended in the Chiswick neighbourhood on Saturday.

Khalife previosuly appeared in court in London on January 28 and was remanded in custody over two incidents at the Royal Air Force base in Stafford, central England, near the army barracks where he lived.

Khalife was reported to have been working in the prison kitchen when he absconded.

Justice Secretary Alex Chalk said strapping was found underneath the delivery van which appeared to indicate that Khalife may have held onto the underside of it in order to escape. *AFP*

5 ex-cops convicted over racist messages on Sunak

LONDON

FIVE former Metropolitan Police officers have pleaded guilty to sending grossly offensive racist messages on WhatsApp against British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and late Queen Elizabeth II, among others, between 2020 and 2022.

According to court reports, the charges against them were heard at Westminster Magistrates' Court in London on Thursday, when it emerged that the messages involved jibes against Indian-origin politicians such as Prime Minister Sunak and former Home Secretary Priti Patel and also the late Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan Markle. According to the charges, some messages shared in the WhatsApp chat group also referenced other senior royals, such as Prince William and his wife Kate and politicians, such as Pakistani-origin former health secretary Sajid Javid.

"The racist and discriminatory content of these messages is absolutely appalling and, given the defendants once served as police officers, we recognise that this case may further damage confidence in policing," said Commander James Harman.

"I hope this case also demonstrates our commitment to take all allegations of criminality and misconduct seriously, investigate those reports thoroughly and where we have evidence of discrimination and abuse to bring criminal charges against individuals wherever we can," he said. *PTI*

EXPRESS READ

US senator's plea for federal trial rejected

Washington: A judge on Friday denied Mark Meadows' request to move his Georgia election subversion case to federal court, ruling that the Trump White House chief of staff must fight the charges in state court instead. US District Judge Steve Jones in Atlanta issued the ruling after a hearing last week. He asked for additional information from both sides before reaching his decision. The defendants were indicted by a grand jury on charges they participated in a scheme to overturn Trump's election loss

Sri Lanka defends intel chief over Easter attacks

Colombo: Sri Lanka's Defence Ministry on Saturday defended the country's intelligence chief after he was accused by a British television channel as the plotter of the 2019 Easter Sunday suicide. The move came two days after ousted former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's denial of Major General Suresh Sallay's involvement.

Major terror bid foiled in Pak's Punjab; 2 arrested

Islamabad: Pakistani law enforcement agencies foiled a major terror plot to target key installations in the Punjab province and arrested two terrorists of the Islamic State (ISIS) militant group during intelligence-based operations, police said on Saturday.

Kim hosts Chinese, Russian guests at 75th anniversary parade

SEOUL

NORTH Korea marked its 75th founding anniversary with a parade attended by leader Kim Jong Un as well as Russian diplomats and a high-ranking Chinese delegation, state media said on Saturday, as Pyongyang seeks to deepen ties with Moscow and Beijing.

The Friday event featured Pyongyang's "paramilitary forces", state media said, rather than soldiers in the regular army, and it did not showcase the country's banned weaponry including intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Images in state media showed uniformed paramilitary brigades, including some riding tractors or in large red trucks.

Kim, flanked by his young daughter, looked on smiling and clapping.

Kim Il Sung Square "was full of excitement and joy of the spectators significantly celebrating the birthday of their great powerful country", the official Korean Central News Agency reported.

"All the participants paid the highest glory and warmest thanks to Kim Jong Un, peerless patriot and ever-victorious iron-willed commander."

Kim met with the visiting Chinese delegation led by Liu Guozhong, vice-premier of the State Council, the second such visit by top officials from Beijing in six weeks, as Pyongyang shows signs of easing its strict Covid-era border controls.

The two sides announced their aims of "further intensifying the multi-faceted coordination and cooperation" between the two countries, according to a separate KCNA report. Russian diplomats also attended the event, as well as a Russian military song-and-dance ensemble which had arrived in Pyongyang to mark the occasion, KCNA reported.

Moscow expanded its official presence in North Korea shortly before the parade, with its Pyongyang embassy saying this week that it had been allowed to bring in 20 diplomatic and technical staff — the first such rotation of personnel since 2019.

Russian President Vladimir Putin sent Kim a message marking the anniversary, KCNA said Saturday, in which he called for the two countries to "expand the bilateral ties in all respects". *AFP*

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My client **RAVI KIRAN V HONAVAR**, s/o. VIMALANAND R/o. 73/92, 1st D Cross, 3rd Main Behind Corporation School, Mathikere, Bangalore North Msrit Bangalore 560054 is owing a property at Site No. 3, out of Kaneshumari, no. 19, of Kakere Village, K.R Pura Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk Sale Deed Bearing No. 8232/87-88 of Book No. I. (Stamp paper no. 1793-1795.) being lost, has bee misplace/lost and despite hectic efforts , could not trace the same. In this regard, we are lodged the police complaint vide lost report no.0692798/2023 if any--body find the above said document please return to the above mentioned my address :

Smt. A. MANJULA, Advocate,
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North by : Land bearing Sy. No. 6
South by : Remaining extent of Land in Sy. No. 11

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My client has signed an Agreement to Sell for purchasing Residential Apartment bearing No. TF-1 or T1 on Third Floor in the residential apartment complex known as "HOMELY HOMES TRANQUIL" on converted Plot bearing no. 174/1, [Khata no. 2056], 1st A Cross Road, BDS Layout, Rachenahalli village, Ramakrishna Hegde Nagar, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore 560077 [well described in the schedule hereunder] from **Mr. Indrajit Bose and Mr. Pinaki Ranjan Bose.** Any person having any sort of claim, charge or interest in the said Apartment may send Objections by RPAD along with supporting documents to the undersigned and also send the objections to Whatsapp no. 9535513664 within **14 days** from the date of this Notice, failing which it shall be taken that there are no interest, claims or charges of any sort over this Apartment

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All that Residential Apartment bearing **No. TF-1 or T1** on Third Floor, having a Super Built Area of 1270 sq. ft., in the residential apartment complex known as "HOMELY HOMES TRANQUIL" on converted Plot no. 174/1, [Khata no. 2056], measuring 11760 sq. ft, 1st A Cross Road, BDS Layout, Rachenahalli village, Ramakrishna Hegde Nagar, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore 560077, carved out of Sy. No. 98/4 [new no. 98/6] along with one covered car parking space bearing No. T-1 and Apartment is bounded on : **East by : Open space above the Plot and 1st A Cross Road, West by : Apartment no. TF 08, North by : Apartment no. TF 02, South by : Passage & Open space on the land of Mr Nooruddin.**

Mr. Arvind Jain, Advocate
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My client, **Mr. Srinivasalu R.,** aged about 49 years, son of Late Ramanaiah Panem, residing at No. 361, 1.t Main, 1st Cross, Viveknagar Further Extension, Viveknagar PO, Bangalore 560 047, **AADHAAR NO. 6429 1673 3608,** intends to purchase the Schedule Property and have agreed to Purchase the schedule property, from its owner Mr. Younus Ahmed, aged about 26 years, son of Mr. Afsar Ahmed, residing at No.33/1, 5th Cross, Lakshmi Road, Shanthi Nagar, Bangalore 560 027, **AADHAAR NO. 7167 6850 9298,** vide Agreement to Sell dated 23.08.2023, bearing document No. INR-1-07060-2023-24, registered on 24.08.2023, at the office of the Sub-registrar, Shivajinagar (Indiranagar), Bangalore. Anyone having any form of right over the schedule property may lodge their objections /claims with documentary evidence within 15 days from the date of this publication, to the undersigned.

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Celebrity investors of start-ups

From cricketers to Bollywood stars, many have turned investors and brand ambassadors

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AMID funding winter, start-ups in various sectors such as fintech, space, SaaS and AI have been receiving investments not only from venture capital and private equity funds, but also from celebrities.

From cricketers to Bollywood stars, many have turned investors and brand ambassadors. Last month, food brand Pluckk announced that actress Kareen Kapoor Khan acquired a stake in the start-up. This is Kareena's first investment in this space. Cricketer Hardik Pandya last month invested in kids' footwear start-up Aretto.

Start-up founders say celebrities create brand awareness. After roping in Kareena both as an investor and brand ambassador, Pluckk has seen its organic traffic moving upwards, leading to an increase in sales. "As a mom herself, we feel it has created a positive reinforcement of our brand values," Pratik Gupta, CEO and co-founder, Pluckk, told this newspaper.

This kind of initiative allows a brand to leap out from the crowd, and right endorsement can add value as it is synergistic. "We have now a voice that will help get our story and value proposition across to a large audience, which will certainly create both intangible and tangible brand value," Gupta adds. Will she be a part of the decisionmaking process? Gupta says, "In order to succeed and propel Pluckk forward, we will be working together on key Pluckk initiatives that will further add value to Indian families."

A month ago, it was said that Reliance Brands was reportedly in talks to acquire actress Alia Bhatt's children's wear brand Ed-a-Mamma. Apart from this, Alia has invested in a sustainable baby and mom care brand SuperBottoms.

As per Tracxn, 28 celebrities including Sachin Tendulkar, Virat Kohli, Shilpa Shetty Kundra, Anushka Sharma, Shraddha Kapoor and Ranveer Singh, among others, have invested in 73 start-ups including the recent investment in Pluckk.

Though a few celebrities turned angel investors quite early, data sourced from Tracxn reveal many celebrities started investing actively in start-ups since 2020, and in 2022 alone, they have participated in 30 funding rounds.

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Shetty has invested in start-ups such as Mamaearth, Fast&Up, Chicnutrix and Kisankonnect. She started investing in Mamaearth since 2018. Tendulkar has invested in companies including Spinny and Azad Engineering. In 2021, he invested $2 million in digital entertainment tech company JetSynthesys.

Cricketer MS Dhoni backed plant protein start-up Shaka Harry and picked up equity in it. "When celebrities choose to invest, they bring their reputation, influence, and network to the table. This can result in increased brand recognition and value, attracting attention from stakeholders including industry talent, distributors, retail partners, and customers. Celebrities' involvement can offer start-ups a unique platform to showcase their offerings and stand out in a competitive market," said Anand Nagarajan, co-founder and CEO, Shaka Harry. When asked about returns they receive, Nagarajan said returns on celebrity investments in start-ups can vary based on success of the business, market conditions, and other factors. Celebrities often participate alongside institutional and angel investors, and the returns can range from moderate to significant, depending on growth trajectory and exit strategy. They have invested in sectors from consumer, retail, fintech, healthtech to edtech, blockchain technology, aerospace and media, among others.

"Returns seen have been in the forms of deferred payouts, as well as equity. The deals are structured in innovative ways, which help start-ups manage cash and celebrities can expect good returns," said Shravan Shetty, MD, Primus Partners.

If the start-up see rapid growth, attracts a large customer base, and achieves a successful exit via an acquisition or IPO, the celebrity investor could realise significant returns on their investment.

"Some start-ups may achieve moderate success and growth without becoming unicorns. In these cases, celebrity investors might see positive returns, though they might be more in line with market averages. Not all start-ups succeed, and there's always a level of risk involved in investing in early-stage companies. If a start-up fails to gain traction or faces challenges that lead to its closure, celebrity investors could see losses on their investments," said Somdutta Singh, founder and CEO, Assiduus Global Inc, LP Angel Investor.

While celebrity investments can bring advantages such as enhanced brand recognition and value, there are certain considerations too. "Start-ups must ensure the celebrity's values and image align with the their mission and target audience. In some cases, negative public sentiment associated with a celebrity could impact the brand's reputation. Start-ups should not solely rely on celebrity endorsements or investments; the core product or service quality remains paramount," Nagarajan said.

Start-ups have a high failure rate, and celebrity investors are not immune to this risk, say experts. "Despite success in their respective fields, celebrities might lack expertise in start-ups business. This can lead to challenges in providing strategic guidance, which is something start-ups often seek from their investors. Conflicts can arise if the celebrity's involvement begins to overshadow the start-up's core mission or if disagreements arise over key decisions," said Singh.

Legal and contractual aspects of celebrity investments can be complex. Both parties need to have a clear understanding of the terms, expectations, and rights, he added.

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NEWSCOPE

RENAMING FRENZY DIVIDING PEOPLE, ERODING BRAND VALUE

GURBIR SINGH

THERE'S a furious debate raging on whether 'India' or 'Bharat', and the right wing government is signaling there will be more of it as it wants to "dismantle the trappings of colonialism". The Opposition rightly smells a rat as they figure it is to counter their recently christened alliance I.N.D.I.A.

The renaming business is not new. It's been on since Independence. Every now and then there is a frenzy of renaming roads, cities and institutions. In fact renaming is a busy pastime on the international canvas as well. The most recent is 'Turkey' renaming itself 'Turkiye' as it didn't want to mixed up with a bird popular on the US dinner menu at the time of Christmas and Thanksgiving!

On a more serious note, there is nothing wrong with getting rid of names that are symbols of subjugation. Soon after Independence, the central avenues in Delhi named 'Kingsway' after King George V and 'Queensway' after Queen Mary became Rajpath and Janpath. The timing was right as the physical vestiges of the British monarchy needed to be removed. But how far back in history do we go? Where do you stop?

Last September, Rajpath was rechristened again as 'Kartavya Path'. Union minister of state for external affairs, Meenakshi Lekhi, justified the move saying "...after 75 years of independence, it is felt that the name of Rajpath needs to be changed, in tune with the values and principles of democracy." This is vague and unconvincing. Rajpath is a stately name and has nothing to do with colonialism.

Targeting Muslim symbols

It is now 75years after Independence, and the symbolism of 'colonial' names has long expired. Yet the renaming game if anything has gathered force. It is no secret. The frenzy is mainly directed against Muslim names.

Sample the names that have been changed in recent times: Allahabad has become Prayagraj, Faizabad district in U.P. has been renamed Ayodhya, and Mugalsarai, also in U.P., is now Deen Dayal Upadhyay Nagar. More recently, after the Eknath Shinde-BJP government took over in Maharashtra, Osmanabad had been renamed Dharashiv, while Aurangabad is now Chatrapati Sambhaji Nagar. Aurangzeb seems to be a favourite target, and the central road in Lutyens Delhi is now A P J Kalam Road.

The rationale of renaming say Aurangzeb Road was that the Mughal king was a brutal invader and the people today need not be reminded of him. But then by the same measure, shouldn't edifices like the Taj Mahal built in the Mughal period also be torn down?

The fact is India is a cultural-national identity that has been

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built with layers of assimilation since 300 B.C. First, it was Alexander and the Greeks who swept in, followed by Persians, Mughals and Afghani marauders. Many stayed back and married and became 'Indian' over time. And talking of Aurangzeb's cruelty, were the Peshavas less cruel to their enemies?

Those were the norms of war and statecraft 500 years ago and cannot be used as reason to go on a renaming spree. 'Allahabad' or 'Aurangabad' are as 'Indian' today as is 'Prayagraj' or 'Sambhaji Nagar'. Scratch the surface and all this is nothing but an insidious attempt to polarize communities and incite hatred against the minority community.

Rejecting a petition in February this year to form a committee under the Home Ministry to rename cities as per their ancient nomenclature, a Supreme Court bench of Justices K M Mathew and B V Nagarathna chided the petitioner Ashwini Upadhyay, "Do you want to go back to the past, keep the issue alive, and keep the country on the boil? Your fingers are pointed at one community. You must remember India is a secular country."

Eroding brand value

A city's name is not a slip of paper that can be plucked and juggled at will. They have decades of history and culture encapsuled in them. Bombay and Mumbai were used interchangeably till a Shiv Sena government in 1995 decided to play its regional card, and rechristened the city 'Mumbai'.

The etymology of the two have different origins. 'Bombay' comes from the Portuguese word 'Bombaim' or 'good bay' while 'Mumbai' has its roots in the reigning 'Mumbadevi' deity of the local 'kohli' fisherfolk. The official class and the elite used 'Bombay' while the Marathi speaking 'Mumbaikar' called it 'Mumbai'. It could have gone on that way; but by forcing 'Mumbai' on 'Bombay', the financial capital had 600 years of history and billions of dollars of brand value shaved off. Today, foreign businessmen still struggle with the new name.

The Congress did something similar with Delhi's Connaught Place. In 2013, it was renamed Rajiv Chowk, after the former PM, Rajiv Gandhi. It's Georgian architecture and sprawling, circular design represents an era not in sync with 'Rajiv Chowk'. No wonder, after a decade of renaming it, the heritage precinct continues to be Connaught Place or just 'CP'.

Renaming is expensive business too. Some experts have compared renaming cities to rebranding of flagship products and names of companies, and have worked out a cost formula. Though the formula is not entirely reliable, renaming 'India' to 'Bharat' could mean a hit of over Rs 14,000 crore. The flip from Allahabad to Prayagraj is believed to have drained the exchequer of Rs 300 crore.

For all these reasons, we hope the renaming industry will slow down.

Indian Presidency at G20 lays foundation for global crypto policy: FM

MONIKA YADAV @New Delhi

FINANCE MINISTER Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday said the Indian Presidency has successfully set the stage for a globally coordinated policy and regulatory framework for crypto assets.

Sitharaman, in a statement made at the G20 summit, highlighted the emergence of a global push for clearer policies regarding crypto assets under India's leadership, indicating that a global consensus on the matter is taking shape.

"Indian Presidency will support the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Financial Stability Board (FSB) to set up the contours of a regulatory framework for a globally coordinated approach to crypto assets," Sitharaman stated. She underscored India's contribution to the G20 financial inclusion agenda through development of three essential digital public infrastructures (DPIs) within the India stack: digital identity, real-time fast payment systems, and a platform for secure data sharing that upholds privacy. The minister stated that the recommendations encompass five aspects of DPIs, including their use in promoting financial inclusion, fostering well-designed DPIs, addressing regulatory and supervisory aspects, establishing institutional and governmental arrangements, and ensuring customer protection. The DPIs, integrated into the G20 financial inclusion action plan, will be implemented between 2024 and 2026.

Furthermore, Sitharaman announced that G20 leaders have reached a consensus on debt resolution for nations, both under and outside the common framework. She affirmed that the G20 will continue discussions on policy issues related to the common framework and periodically provide appropriate recommendations.

Addressing concerns about inflation, she clarified that India's inflation is primarily influenced by monsoon patterns and supply-side issues, rather than the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine. She acknowledged that countries reliant on Russia and Ukraine for grains might be affected, but India's grain imports are not significantly dependent on these two nations, except for sunflower oil. Therefore, any impact on domestic inflation is expected to be minimal.

Inviting Investments in Odisha for Export Promotion from the State: Arun Kumar Garodia, Chairman, EEPC India

Special address by Mr. Arun Kumar Garodia, Chairman, EEPC India: Let me at the onset extend a warm welcome to everyone present here in this Interactive Session on Investments and Export Promotion from the State of Odisha, with special mention to Shri Hemant Sharma, IAS, Principal Secretary, Industries Department, Chairman, IPICOL & IDCO, Government of Odisha. We are really privileged by his gracious presence despite of his busy schedule. EEPC India is pleased to organize this interactive session on Odisha, a rapidly developing hidden gem of India and I am honoured to address this august gathering. Before I move further with the justification of 'Hidden gem' with reference to the state of Odisha, let me brief about EEPC India. We are the premier trade and investment promotion council in India catering to engineering sector under the aegis of Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

Business & Beyond

FICCI holds Executive Committee Meeting at Lucknow after 38 years' gap

Bhubaneswar: The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), India's apex business chamber, held its National Executive Committee Meeting at Lucknow ,Uttar Pradesh after a gap of 38 years. Addressing the members, Hon'ble Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath talked about the State's transformation on the back of conducive environment for business including law & order, proactive policies, and large investment in infrastructure to attract investment. In his remarks Subhrakant Panda, President - FICCI, highlighted the rapid growth of the country's largest State and third largest economy which has a young population and is set to become a large consumption centre. He congratulated the Hon'ble Chief Minister for significant investments flowing to the State, with data showing U.P. has a 16.2% share of financing sanctioned by banks and financial institutions.

MOIL August production jumps 53% YoY, monthly sales more than doubles

Continuing the momentum of high growth, MOIL produced 1.23 lakh tonnes of manganese ore in August 2023, delivering best August production since inception, registering a remarkable growth of 53% YoY. Cumulative production for the financial year up to August 2023 has been 6.79 lakh tonnes, which is 44% higher than YoY. On the sales front too, performance has been spectacular with sales of 1.11 lakh tonnes for the month, which is more than double than August, 2022. For April-Aug, 2023 period, cumulative growth of 53% has been achieved. CMD, Shri Ajit Kumar Saxena, once again congratulated team MOIL for their continued improvement in performance and reposed full confidence that improved levels of performance will be maintained. MOIL Limited is a Schedule-A, Miniratna Category-I CPSE under the administrative control of Ministry of Steel, Government of India. MOIL is the largest producer of manganese ore in the country, contributing ~45% of the domestic production.

Sale of wheat and rice under Open Market Sale Schemeby Food Corporation Of India

Open Market Sale Scheme- Domestic (OMSS) refers to offering of food grains (wheat & rice) in the open market at prices, fixed by the Ministry of CAF&PD, Govt. of India through e-auction in order to control the price in the market by providing food grains at reduced prices with the aim to curb inflation. Under the Scheme, Govt. of India through Food Corporation of India, offers wheat to Processors / Atta Chalki / Flour Millers of Wheat Products only (Traders / Bulk Buyers are not allowed) through e-auction . An eligible bidder can bid for a minimum quantity of 10 MT to max. of 100 MT in case of wheat. It operates ten mines . It operates ten mines in the state of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.in the state of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.

MCL signs MoU with CIPET, Bhubaneswar to skill 1,040 youths

Sambalpur: Mahanadi Coalfields Limited signed two Memorandums of Understanding(MoU) with CIPET, Bhubaneswar for skill training development projects this morning. Under these projects 1000 youths from Odisha will be provided skill training in machine operator courses and 40 youths will be trained under ITI courses. All the courses are residential which will be provided at skill training institutes of CIPET, Bhubaneswar. Mahanadi Coalfields Limited will be providing Rs.11.70 crore to these projects under it's CSR initiative project 'Kovida-2'. This is one of the many developmental projects MCL is undertaking.

Neymar surpasses Pele as Brazil crush Bolivia

Neymar became Brazil's all-time top scorer with his goal against Bolivia on Friday taking him to 78 goals and surpassing Pele's record. The forward recently moved from Paris Saint-Germain to Saudi Arabian club Al Hilal. Pele, who died in December, scored 77 goals for Brazil in 92 appearances between 1957 and 1971.

ALMOST BUT NOT QUITE

Picking a World Cup squad isn't an exact science & there may be some absences. While the Indian side is filled with match-winners, them going the distance isn't a guarantee, notes **Gomesh S**

EVERY time a team is picked for a global event, the intent often seems to revolve around picking the best possible squad while covering all the bases if someone gets a minor injury. Unlike bilaterals and other continental tournaments such as Asia Cup — where teams often carry 17-18 players — there can be only 15 in the squad. That is what makes the selection all the more crucial.

While team composition depends on the approach of the management, the larger theme (brand of cricket and player availability) has remained the same. For India, it was eight batters — three could roll their arms — three leading spinners and four pacers in 2011; seven batters, four pacers and four all-rounders in 2015; seven batters, three all-rounders and five bowlers in 2019. For the upcoming ODI World Cup, the Rohit Sharma-led side will have a similar combination from 2019, with none of the batters having bowled regularly.

However, when Sharma and chairman of the selection committee, Ajit Agarkar, named the squad a few days ago, from the outset, it did seem like they had the covered all possible options. Two openers in Sharma and Shubman Gill. Virat Kohli at 3 followed by Shreyas Iyer at 4. Ishan Kishan and KL Rahul, both wicketkeepers and at the moment slotted in the middle-order, who can also open should the need arise. Suryakumar Yadav, (back-up middle-order batter), Hardik Pandya as the pillar in the middle, Ravindra Jadeja and Shardul as bowling all-rounders before frontline bowlers in Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami, Mohmmed Siraj and Kuldeep Yadav with Axar Patel as a backup for Jadeja.

It does seem like they have got it all covered, considering there were no last-minute surprises. However, what they do not have is an off-spinner for a World Cup that is happening in the subcontinent. Among the five teams that have named their squads, India are the only one without this brand of spinner. Others have multiple options, even if it is part-time off-spin. Former chief selector MSK Prasad, while being happy with the squad, felt that ace off-spinner R Ashwin should have made the cut. "My only concern, I would have been very fine with this squad, except Ashwin, because I think in Indian conditions he would have been very handy. I don't know how much he would have contributed in the past T20 Word Cups but this is the WC. In Asia, he would have done well. That too, every team is filled left-handers... Ashwin could have been a healthy choice," he said.

INDIA'S OFF-SPINNERS SINCE JAN 2020

Name	Mat	Wkt	Avg	Eco
Washington	15	15	24.66	4.86
Hooda	10	3	39.66	4.76
Ashwin	2	1	121.00	6.05
Gowtham	1	1	49	6.12
Jayant	1	0	-	5.30

Sunday Special

Even Sharma and Agarkar admitted that having an off-spinner would have been ideal, but Jadeja and Axar gave them the balance. Ashwin last played an ODI in early 2022 when he was called back after five years during the South Africa tour. Washington Sundar has been in and out due to his injuries.

When Sharma took over as all-format captain in early 2022, he threw his weight behind Kuldeep, saying that newcomers have to backed. However, among the 22 players who made their ODI debut since January 2020, only SKY and Kishan made the squad. Prasidh Krishna and Sanju Samson came close. They experimented with Umran Malik, Deepak Hooda and Arshdeep Singh, but all eventually missed out. That there is an ICC event every year and the post-pandemic schedule meant teams are handing more debuts than ever. And India have been no different. They have had little luck with injuries as well with Bumrah, Rahul, Iyer and Rishabh Pant. Even then, their first XI seems more or less similar to what they fielded about two years ago. They still do not have an experienced fall back should two injury-prone middle-order batters miss out. Their No. 9-11 aren't that handy with bat and as a result they have picked Shardul Thakur as a third seamer, whilst having Hardik in the ranks. That Thakur's batting got him the nod ahead of a frontline attacking bowling option or an extra batter. Almost as if they are neither here nor there and want everyone they have picked to come good at any given stage.

All said and done, when a World Cup squad is named, there is always going to be someone who misses out. Prasad believes it is all about the process one wants to follow. "It is not that hard. This is the process they have been having in mind for a while. Fortunately we had the time to pick a squad (in 2019) here, a few new people have come in so it is little harsh to comment. This is the best available talent we have and I am looking forward to see them lifting the trophy this time," he said with hope.

The hallmark of a champion team is that they keep coming at their opponents. While the Indian squad is filled with match-winners on paper, it cannot be said with a certain sense of assertiveness about them. Will they be able to do it time and again throughout a long and arduous home World Cup and go all the way? Only time will tell.

Pakistan and their love affair with pace

FIROZ MIRZA
Express @ Asia Cup
COLOMBO

TO say Pakistan possess one of the world's best pace-bowling attacks is not an overstatement. In all of three matches they have played so far at the 2023 Asia Cup, the two-time champions had bowled out their opponents with the trio of Shaheen Shah Afridi, Naseem Shah and Haris Rauf sharing 23 wickets among themselves out of total 30. Rauf was the leading wicket-taker with nine wickets in three innings while Naseem and Shaheen were second and third, respectively with seven wickets each before the Sri Lanka-Bangladesh match on Saturday.

They were at their best against arch rivals India on September 2 at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium. The pacers snared all ten Indian wickets to set up an Asia Cup record before the match got washed out due to rain. This was the first time that pacers had taken all the wickets of an innings in an Asia Cup ODI match. Given their recent form, the Men in Green will be a force to reckon with when the ODI World Cup begins in India on October 5. But before the marquee event, the pace battery also makes Pakistan a favourite to lift their third continental title.

Pakistan skipper Babar Azam felt proud when he was talked about the quality pacers his team has during a pre-match conference here at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on Saturday. "I feel proud to see the quality of pacers we have. They are one of the best in the world. The way we dominate throughout, you see it's the pacers who help you win matches in big tournaments. Their secret to success is that they bowl in partnership and their self-belief. If someone is not clicking, another will do that. They back each other. And this is true in every department whether it's batting or bowling," Babar said.

Pakistan pacers were all over India before rain abandoned the Group A match. India opener Shubman Gill, who was cleaned up by Rauf, was also all praise for Pakistan pacers. "We don't play against Pakistan as often as we do against some other teams. We all know that their bowling attack is quite good and when you don't play against such attacks often it makes a bit of difference in main tournaments," Gill said.

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> Shubman Gill, India opener

Shaheen Shah Afridi took four wickets against India in the Group A match

With the two rivals set to meet again in Colombo on Sunday, Pakistan captain feels his team holds an edge as it has been playing cricket continuously for the past two-and-a-half-month. "Given the continuous cricket we are playing both in Pakistan and Sri Lanka, you can say we hold an edge. We have been playing here in Sri Lanka for the past two-and-a-half-month. We played Tests, we played series against Afghanistan and then the Lanka Premier League, so it can be said we have an advantage."

Rohit Sharma and Co slumped to 66/4 inside 15 overs in their first match but Pakistan let them off the hook in the middle overs as wicket-keeper-batter Ishan Kishan along with all-rounder Hardik Pandya added 138 runs for the fifth wicket to help India reach 266. Babar also admitted that the bowlers need to do well in the middle overs to capitalise on the start provided by the pacers.

"Yes we get a good start and the plan always is to bowl good in middle overs. That's why we came with different planning in the previous match where fast bowlers bowled. The effort is to have an effective combination. We need wickets in the middle overs but we are not getting them. But you can see we are finishing good. Our pacers are doing well at the end."

IND VS PAK, ROUND 2

India will face Pakistan for the second time in the ongoing Asia Cup, a look...

CAN SHARMA STEP UP?

Between 2017-19, Rohit Sharma scored as many as 18 ODI hundreds, including five in the 2019 WC. Since 2020, he has managed only two in 25 games. With the World Cup around the corner, it would be a good time for Sharma to get back in the groove and pile on some runs for his team.

EYES ON RAHUL

KL Rahul is back in the team and is expected to play on Sunday. Irrespective of where he bats, all eyes will be on how he copes through the 50 overs behind the stumps. Rahul, who is coming back from a thigh injury, has been prone to hamstring injuries in the past.

SHADAB FORM A CONCERN

Shadab Khan has struggled for rhythm and would be itching to get some wickets next to his name. For the vice-captain is their lead spinner and his form will be crucial for Pakistan going into the World Cup.

Weather watch: There is a reserve day for the game. As for the weather itself, there is a 90 per cent chance of rain with a couple of thunderstorms, especially late in the day.

India vs Pakistan, Colombo
Live on Star Sports Network, 3 PM

Spotlight on Rahul & Bumrah as Men in Blue face Super challenge

FIROZ MIRZA @ Colombo

THE much-anticipated clash between arch-rivals India and Pakistan, second meeting in the last eight days, here at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on Sunday could witness the return of two of India's premier players in the 50-over format after long lay-offs due to injuries and surgeries thereafter.

KL Rahul sustained a thigh injury during an IPL match in May and had to undergo surgery. He last played an ODI for India in March this year. Another high-profile comeback to the team could be of Jasprit Bumrah. He made his ODI return in the team's Asia Cup opener against Pakistan on September 2 but could not bowl a single ball as the match was abandoned due to rain. He skipped the next match against Nepal. Before this, Bumrah last played an ODI for India in July last year.

Two proven players coming back to the squad is always a big welcome for India. However, the Indian team management could face a selection conundrum. The team management may be forced to drop in-form Ishan Kishan to accommodate Rahul. In Bumrah's case, Mohammed Shami might be the bowler who'll be demoted to the bench. If the team management goes ahead with this option, it will be harsh on Ishan as he had resurrected India's innings against the Men in Green in their previous meeting.

'Left-arm throwdown specialist has helped'

Ahead of the 2018 Asia Cup, India hired the services of Nuwan Seneviratne, a left-arm throwdown specialist from Sri Lanka, who has played two first-class matches. Nuwan is still with the team and so seems the Indian batters' struggles against the left-arm pacers. So when the optional practice session ahead of their clash against Pakistan began at nets outside the stadium on Saturday afternoon, almost every batter first faced throwdowns from Nuwan at the first wicket before shifting to other nets. With Shaheen Shah Afridi claiming four wickets including the first two of Rohit and Virat Kohli in the first match, batters made sure they were well-equipped ahead of the high-intensity encounter on Sunday.

Shubman Gill, who managed only 10 off 32 before being sent back by pacer Haris Rauf in the previous clash, admitted the pressure was slightly different as it was his first senior match against the arch-rivals. He said training at the nets with left-arm throwdown specialists has helped India batters a lot. "Practice with left-arm throwdown specialists has definitely helped. He (Nuwan) has been travelling with us for the last several years We have that right-arm...side-arm specialist and the left-arm specialist," he said.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Sri Lanka beat Bangladesh by 21 runs

COLOMBO: Half-centuries from Sadeera Samarawickrama and Kusal Mendis took Sri Lanka to 257 for nine in their Asia Cup Super 4 match against Bangladesh, here. In reply, Bangladesh batters put up a spirited fight but fell short of the target by 21 runs. **Brief scores:** SL 257/9 in 50 ovs (Sadeera 93; Hasan Mahmud 3/57) **bt** Bangladesh 236 in 48.1 ovs (Hridoy 82; Pathirana 3/58).

AFI looks to add 15 more athletes to Asiad squad

AGENCIES @ Chandigarh

ATHLETICS Federation of India (AFI) is hoping to add 15 more track and field athletes to the 65 already named for the Hangzhou Asian Games if they achieve the qualification criteria during the two-day Indian Grand Prix beginning here on Sunday. Around half of the athletes named in the Asian Games-bound team have made their entries in the event, though some top athletes and those training abroad will not be seen in action.

"The Indian contingent will be bigger and stronger this time. We have shortlisted 65 athletes and there are chances to add another 15 athletes depending whether they achieve the qualification criteria set by the AFI during the two-day IGP," Sumariwalla said here.

Those who have made it to the Asian Games and also entered their names here include javelin thrower Kishore Kumar Jena, shot putter Sahib Singh, Jinson Johnson (1500m), Mohammed Afsal (800m), Yashas Palaksha (400m hurdles), Jesse Sandesh (high jump), quarter-milers Arokia Rajiv, Rajesh Ramesh, Nihal Joel William, Rahul Baby, Mijo Chacko Kurian and Amoj Jacob, among men. Interestingly, Jyothi Yarraji has also entered her name for the 400m race.

Final showdown

Daniil Medvedev stands between Novak Djokovic and a record-equalling 24th Major. A look.

I said I needed to play 11 out of 10. I played 12 out of 10, except from the third set. He (Alcaraz) is honestly just really unbelievable. To beat him you need to be better than yourself and I managed to do it. — Daniil Medvedev

Daniil Medvedev	Name	Novak Djokovic
27	Age	36
3	Ranking	2
20	Titles	95
1	Slams	23
5	H2H	9

1 **Medvedev's** only previous Major came at the US Open in 2021. In fact, all four of his Slam finals have come on hard courts (1-2 record)

4 **Djokovic** has advanced to the final of all four Slams this year (2-1 record)

3 This will be the pair's third meeting at a Slam final (2021 Australian Open and US Open). Both matches finished in straight sets with the pair splitting the matches.

I'm obviously over the moon with the results so far on Grand Slams. Playing in all four finals of all four Slams in a season is amazing. It's the highest achievement I can think about when I start the season. — Novak Djokovic

Medvedev battles past Alcaraz, faces Djokovic on Sunday

NEW YORK: DANIIL Medvedev dethroned defending champion Carlos Alcaraz in a thriller on Friday to set up a repeat of the final from two years ago against 23-time Grand Slam champion Novak Djokovic. Medvedev beat Alcaraz 7-6 (3), 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 to reach his fifth Major final and stop Alcaraz in his quest to become the first man to retain the title in New York since Roger Federer in 2008. Medvedev meets Djokovic, who defeated Ben Shelton 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (4), on Sunday as the Serbian once more goes in search of a record-equalling 24th Major.

Yamal makes history for Spain in Qualifiers

AGENCIES @ Paris

LAMINE Yamal brightened the gloom that has descended over Spanish football by becoming the country's youngest ever player and goalscorer as La Roja thrashed Georgia 7-1 on Friday to get their Euro 2024 qualifying campaign back on track.

On a night of goals, Scotland beat Cyprus 3-0 and Croatia put five past Latvia while Portugal were made to work a bit harder, Bruno Fernandes on target in the 1-0 win in Slovakia. The build up to Spain's match was tarnished by the ongoing saga of federation president Luis Rubiales and him kissing women's midfielder Jenni Hermoso in the aftermath of their World Cup triumph. Spain's mood in the Euro qualifiers was also not helped by a defeat by Scotland in their second game.

But they climbed up to second with a big win in Tbilisi, inspired by an Alvaro Morata hat-trick — although the Atletico Madrid forward's treble takes second place to Yamal's superb first appearance for his country at 16 years and 57 days old. **Friday's qualifying results: Group A:** Georgia 1-7 Spain; Cyprus 0-3 Scotland. **Group D:** Croatia 5-0 Latvia; Turkey 1-1 Armenia. **Group J:** Bosnia and Herzegovina 2-1 Liechtenstein; Luxembourg 3-1 Iceland; Slovakia 0-1 Portugal.

EXPRESS READ

Shubhankar shares lead at Irish Open

KILDARE (IRELAND): Shubhankar Sharma dropped a late bogey after a splendid front nine to shoot 6-under 66 and grab the joint lead at the Horizon Irish Open. Sharma shared the lead with Jordan Smith, who seemed to be moving into a sole lead before he had a double bogey on the 17th hole.

LSG rope in Sriram as assistant coach

LUCKNOW: Lucknow Super Giants announced former India spinner Sridharan Sriram as an assistant coach for the next season of Indian Premier League. He would be joining head coach Justin Langer and mentor Gautam Gambhir, alongside Vijay Dahiya, Pravin Tambe, Morne Morkel and Jonty Rhodes.

Worlds: Lifter N Ajith finishes 5th in 73kg

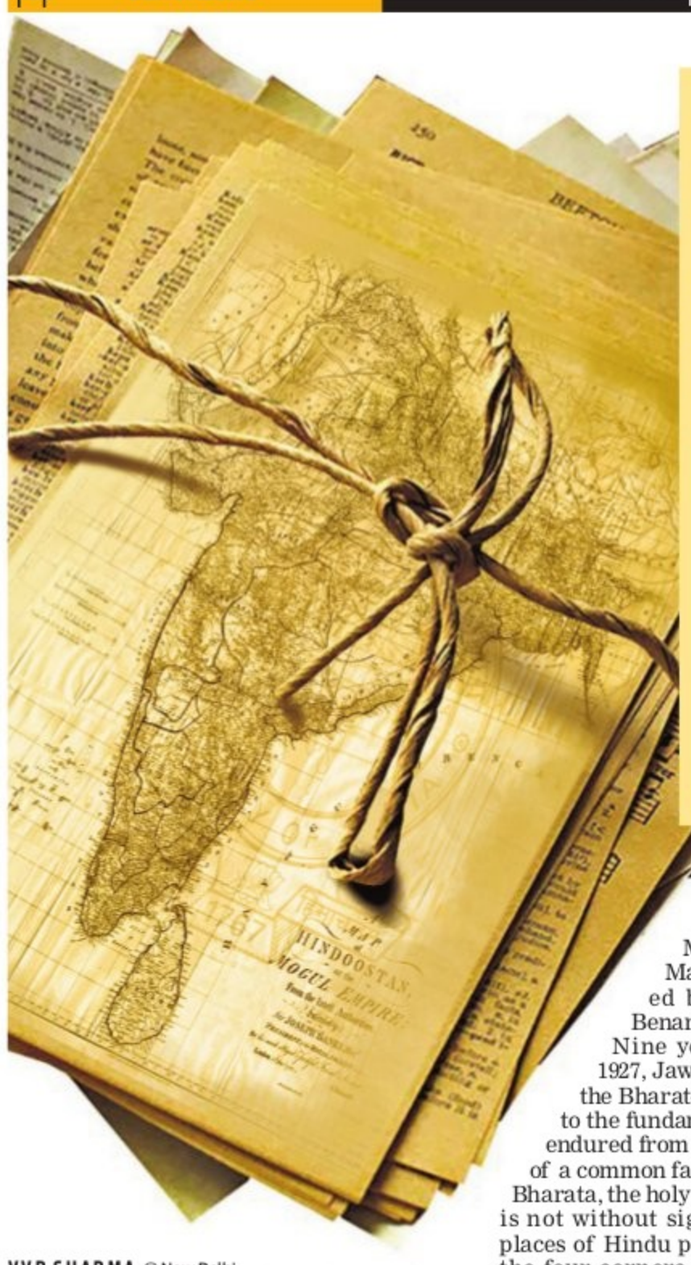
RIYADH: Competing in his debut World Championships, Narayan Ajith signed off in fifth spot in Group C of the men's 73kg event. The CWG gold medallist, who was dumped from the Asian Games squad, hoisted 140kg in snatch and 172kg in the clean and jerk section for a total effort of 312kg.

San Marino MotoGP: Martin steals show

MISANO ADRIATICO (ITALY): Jorge Martin capped a perfect Saturday by winning the sprint race at the San Marino MotoGP not long after smashing the Misano Adriatico lap record on his way to claiming pole position. Pramac rider Martin is now 45 points behind world champion Francesco Bagnaia.

ICC rates WI vs India Tests pitches average

DUBAI: ICC has come up with an "average" rating for the pitch at Windsor Park, Dominica, which hosted the opening Test between West India and India in July. Jeff Crowe, the match referee for the Test, had initially given a "below average" rating, and CWI appealed to avoid demerit points.



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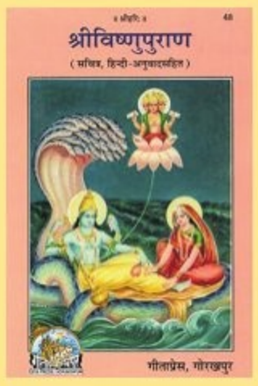
वर्षं तद् भारतं नाम भारती यत्र सन्ततिः ॥

The country that lies north of the ocean and south of the Himalayas is called Bharat, and there dwell the descendants of Bharat

- Vishnu Purana 2.3.1



INDIA, THAT IS BHARAT

VVP SHARMA @New Delhi

A political row erupted after a G20 dinner invite was sent out in the name of the 'President of Bharat' instead of the usual 'President of India'. It triggered a controversy over a rumour of name change for India. The government has not yet scotched it. Members of the Opposition INDIA bloc accused the Narendra Modi government of "distorting history and dividing India". Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge has called a meeting of senior leaders of the alliance to discuss the matter. BJP leaders, however, welcomed the "Bharat" nomenclature and accused the Opposition of being anti-national and anti-constitutional. They said the term Bharat is in Article 1 of the Constitution, which says: "India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States."

During the Constituent Assembly debates, the "Name and territory of the Union" was taken up for discussion on September 17, 1949. Given India's linguistic and cultural diversity, the Constituent Assembly decided to use both "Bharat" and "India" in the Constitution. This compromise acknowledged the historical and cultural significance of both names.

Many Indian institutions and public sector undertakings are named after Bharat. The Indian passport carries both names, that is, Republic of India and Bharatiya Ganarajya. The highest and the most prestigious award that can be given to any Indian citizen is a Bharat Ratna.

Indians refer to Bharat as Bharat Mata. The first Bharat Mata temple was inaugurated by Mahatma Gandhi in Benares (now Varanasi) in 1936. Nine years earlier, in January 1927, Jawaharlal Nehru referred to the Bharat-India linkage. He alluded to the fundamental unity of India that endured from the remote past: "A unity of a common faith and culture. India was Bharata, the holy land of the Hindus, and it is not without significance that the great places of Hindu pilgrimage are situated in the four corners of India — the extreme South overlooking Ceylon, the extreme West washed by the Arabian Sea, the East facing the Bay of Bengal and the North in the Himalayas." (Selected Works Vol.2).

Many names

Back in time, India was known by various names at diverse points of history. They include Jambudweepa (the land of the Jambu – rose apple – tree), Bharatakhanda, Himavarsha, Ajnabhavarsha, Bharatavarsha, Aryavarta (land of the Aryans), and later, Hind, Hindustan and India. One of the oldest names by which the country was known was Meluha, apparently mentioned in ancient Mesopotamian texts in the third millennium BC. Of course, Meluha referred to the Indus Valley Civilisation.

Mythologically, the origin of Bharata or Bharatavarsha dates back to the epic, Mahabharata. Locating the history of the name in a sociological context, social scientist Catherine Clementin-Ojha writes in an article titled "India, that is Bharat...: One Country, Two Names", "'Bharata' refers to the "supraregional and subcontinental territory where the Brahmanical system of society prevails". In the Puranas, Bharata is said to be situated between the 'sea in the south and the abode of snow in the north'. Ojha concludes, therefore, that Bharata, was more of a religious and socio-cultural entity, rather than a political or a geographical one.

But none of these names struck a political chord in India like the word, Hindustan. The Persians coined the word when occupying the Indus Valley in the 7th century BCE. What was Sindhu (Indus river) in Sanskrit became Hindu in Persian. The Greeks borrowed the Persian word and transliterated it as Indus. According to a media report, by the time Macedonian King Alexander invaded India in the 3rd century BCE, India was considered the region "beyond the Indus".

Hindustan in Babarnama

As we enter the Mughal times, Babur is said to have described the soldiers of Ibrahim Lodhi as Hindustanis in his Baburnama. To quote, "When we had left Rupar and dismounted at Karal opposite Sirhind, a Hindustani coming said, 'I am Sultan Ibrahim's (Lodhi) envoy'." By the time of Akbar's reign, most South Asians were comfortable calling their homeland Hindustan. Incidentally, these people happened to call the region under Mughal rule/occupation as Hindustan. The word lost its significance only in the 18th century when the Britons started using the term India to refer to this region.

There are reams of pages related to the Constituent Assembly's discussions on naming our country. Let us stick to the interesting parts. Just to remember, Part I of the Constitution of India states: "India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States."

Interesting Constituent Assembly debates

On November 15, 1948, M Ananthasayanam Ayyangar (Madras: General) submitted some amendments. He said: "They relate to the alternative names, or rather the substitution of names—Bharat, Bharat Varsha, Hindustan—for the word India, in Article 1, clause (1)." His submission: "That in clause (1) of Article 1, for the word 'India' the word 'Bharat (India)' and for the word 'States' the word 'Provinces' be substituted."

By this time, Lokanath Mishra had moved amendment No. 85, "to change the name of India into 'Bharatavarsha'" Most of the members subsequently got drawn into a discussion not on what to name India but what to call the States – Provinces or Pradeshas or States. Just when the amendment on naming the States was being put to vote, Prof Shibban Lal Saksena said he had given notice of an amendment: "That the following new Part be inserted after Part I and the subsequent Parts and articles be renumbered accordingly:

General Principles

- The name of the Union shall be BHARAT.
- Bharat shall be a sovereign, independent, democratic, socialist Republic.
- Hindi written in the Devanagri script shall be the National language of Bharat.
- Provided that each State in the Union shall have the right to choose its own regional language as its State language in addition to Hindi for use inside that particular State.
- English shall be the second official language of Bharat during the transition period of the first five years of the inauguration of this Constitution."

Naziruddin Ahmad moved another amendment saying, "That at the end of clause (1) of Article 1, the following be inserted: 'and shall be known as the United States of India'." He said the US were a safe "precedent" for naming India so.

The discussions were endless. It was 1949. One day in September, the Constituent Assembly met as usual at 9 am. H V Kamath moved an amendment: "I move that in amendment No. 130 of List IV (Eighth Week), for the proposed clause (1) of Article 1, the following be substituted :-- '(1) Bharat or, in the English language, India, shall be a Union of States.'" Or, alternatively, "That in amendment No. 130 of List IV (Eighth Week), for the proposed clause (1) of Article 1, the following be substituted: '(1) Hind, or, in the English language, India, shall be a Union of States.'"

H V Kamath then drove into a monologue, explaining why he proposes the amendment: "....it is customary among most peoples of the world to have what is called a Namakaran or a naming ceremony for the new-born. India as a Republic is going to be born very shortly and naturally there has been a movement in the country among many sections—almost all sections-of the people that this birth of the new Republic should be accompanied by a Namakaran ceremony as well."

Kamath went on, and referred to some of the suggestions: "The prominent suggestions have been Bharat, Hindustan, Hind and Bharatbhumi or Bharatvarsh and names of that kind."

He would not yield to any other member and his speech took on a rhetorical tone: "Some say, why name the baby at all? India will suffice. Well and good. If there was no need for a Namakaran ceremony we could have continued India, but if we grant this point that there must be a new name to this baby, then of course the question arises as to what name should be given."

Kamath then explored the roots of Bharat. He said those who argue for "Bharat or Bharatvarsh or Bharatbhumi, take their stand on the fact that this is the most ancient name of this land." But he pointed out that historians and philologists who delved deep into the origin of Bharat "are not agreed as to the genesis of this name". He, in short, summarised the nature of the division over the name Bharat.

Kamath was on the verge of going to the Vedic period when Dr B R Ambedkar interrupted him: "Is it necessary to trace all this? I do not understand the purpose of it. It may be well interesting in some other place. My friend accepts the word "Bharat". The only thing is that he has got an alternative. I am very sorry but there ought to be some sense of proportion, in view of the limited time before the House."

Kamath would not yield: "I hope it is not for Dr Ambedkar to regulate the business of the House." The proceedings continued for some time in that tenor.

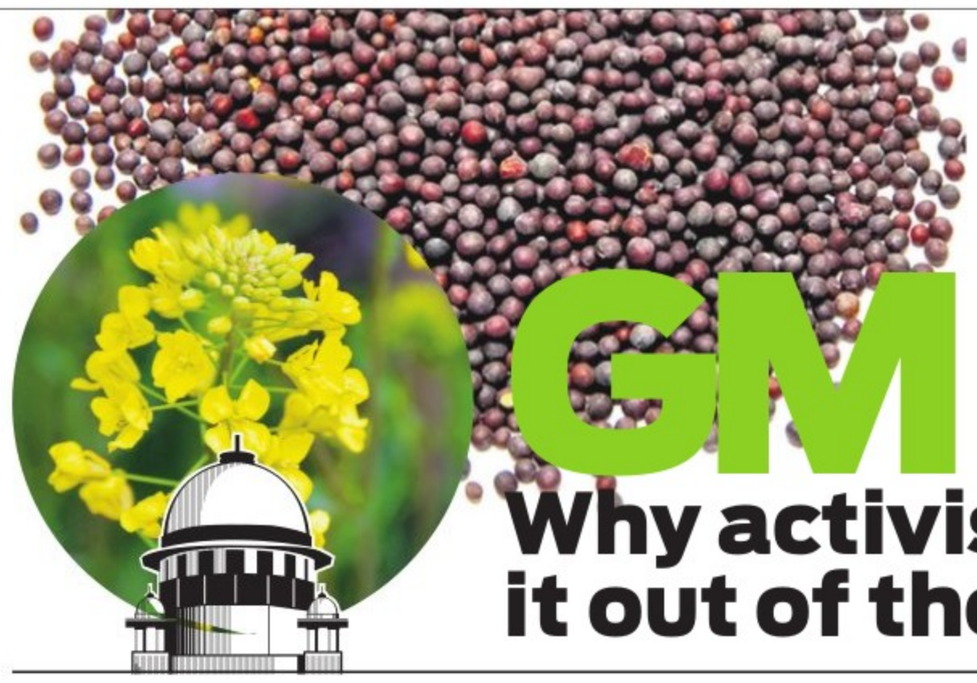
Then, Seth Govind Das stood up to say, "I was the first man to raise two questions in the Constituent Assembly; the first was with regard to the national language and the second with regard to the name of the country. We have solved the question of the national language and we are naming our country today."

"Some people are under the delusion that India is the most ancient name of this country. Our most ancient books are the Vedas and now it is being recognised that they are the most ancient books of the world. No mention of India is to be found in the Vedas. The words "Idyam" and "Idanyah" can be found in the Rig Veda and the words "Ida" in Yajur Veda. These words have no connection with India."

- **Mr President:** Who said that India is the most ancient name?
- **Seth Govind Das:** Some people tell us so and in support of this a pamphlet has also been published in which an effort has been made to prove that "India", is more ancient than "Bharat". I want that it should be on record that this is incorrect. "Idyam" and "Ide" mean fire. "Idenyah" has been used as an adjective of fire and "Ida" signifies voice.
- **Mahavir Tyagi:** Should it be understood that the word India is the product of the international form?
- **Seth Govind Das:** The word India does not occur in our ancient books. It began to be used when the Greeks came to India. They named our Sindhu river as Indus and India was derived from Indus. There is a mention of this in Encyclopaedia Britannica. On the contrary, if we look up the Vedas, the Upanishads the Brahmanas and our great and ancient book the Mahabharat, we find a mention of the name Bharat.

The debate continued when Kamalapati Tripathi rose to expound on Bharat. At the close of his remarks, there was a brief interaction between him and Dr B R Ambedkar which to some extent describes the mood in the Assembly:

- **Kamalapati Tripathi:** When we pronounce this word, we are reminded of the mighty arms of Bhagwan Rama which by twanging the chord of the bow sent echoes through the Himalayas, the seas around this land and the heavens. When we pronounce this word, we are reminded of the wheel of Lord Krishna which destroyed the terrible imperialism of Kshatriyas from India and relieved this land of its burden.
- **Dr B R Ambedkar:** Is this all necessary, Sir?
- **Kamalapathi Tripathi:** I am just telling you to hear relevant things, Sir.
- **Dr B R Ambedkar:** There is a lot of work to be done.
- **Kamalapathi Tripathi:** We are pleased to see that this word has been used and we congratulate Dr Ambedkar on it. It would have been very proper, if he had accepted the amendment moved by Shri Kamath, which states "Bharat as is known in English language 'India'." That would have preserved the prestige of this country. By the inclusion of the word 'Bharat' and by accepting it, we shall be able to give to this country a form...its lost soul and we shall be able to protect it also....



GM mustard: Why activists want it out of the farm

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Genetically modified (GM) mustard is back in the news, this time because of the Centre's attempt to wriggle out of its oral commitment to the Supreme Court on putting its environmental release on hold. On October 18 last year, the government approved the country's first environmental release of a GM mustard variety, Dhara Mustard Hybrid (DMH-11), for a period of four years. However, activists saw in it a possible attempt towards commercial release and moved the Supreme Court. On November 3, 2022, a bench of justices Dinesh Maheshwari (now retired) and B V Nagarathna ordered the suspension of its environmental release after getting the Centre's assurance.

The Centre recently approached the SC to release it from the undertaking, saying the mustard sowing season was approaching. The case went to a new bench comprising justices Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan, but it refused to accept the government's request. "If we discharge you, then what remains in the matter? You cannot be allowed to release it into the environment... The environmental harm cannot be reversed," the bench said.

In 2013, a technical expert committee set up by the SC had advised against the release of transgenic crops citing severe environmental and health impacts. One of the members of the committee, Prof Pushpa M Bhargava, warned that the cultivation of GM mustard would be disastrous, adding it would eventually open doors for multinational corporations to control India's agriculture. Environmentalist Vandana Shiva had earlier written to MPs, cautioning them against GM mustard's commercialisation.

As for another GM food crop, Bt brinjal, an indefinite moratorium was placed on its cultivation in 2010. It was claimed that its cultivation had a negative impact on animals.

Genetically modified crops

Genetic modification involves manipulation of genes to get the desired traits in a crop. Transferring genes between completely unrelated species, such as bacteria and corn, give the product a new trait.

The only approved GM crop in India is Bt cotton. In it, genetic material from a soil bacteria, *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt), is inserted into cotton seeds to make them resistant to the pink bollworm. Bt cotton was further made herbicide tolerant through the manipulation of another gene, named 'Cp4-Epsps' from another soil bacterium, *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*.

As for the indigenously developed GM mustard DMH-11, it contains two alien genes – 'barnase' and 'barstar' – isolated from a soil bacterium called *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens*. In another indigenously developed GM crop, Bt brinjal, a gene Cry1Ac from soil bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis* has been inserted into brinjal to make it resistant to insects such as fruit and shoot borers.

Harmful effects of genetic modification

GM technology bypasses the natural breeding process, which could result in unintended and unpredictable effects in plants, such as new toxins, allergens or reduced nutrition. Such products require rigorous biosafety study before permitting their production on a commercial scale. In contrast, traditional breeding is safe and predictable because it is based on natural reproductive processes, which improved by and by over thousands of years of evolution.

Another concern is that genes of GM seeds are manipulated and designed to suit certain pesticides. If given a free run, a few multinational corporations in the GM sector that monopolise production of seeds and their pesticides, would by extension control the country's agriculture. In other words, it could compromise food sovereignty. As for Bt cotton, field studies have shown that it has failed to increase crop productivity.

GM's introduction

India's tryst with GM technology began with deceit. In 2001, when an official field trial of Bt cotton was on, it was found that Bt cotton was already being commercially cultivated illegally in thousands of hectares by farmers in Gujarat. Local seed manufacturers supplied the illegal seeds. A year later, the government commercially approved Bt cotton cultivation in India, allegedly without adequate biosafety study. Experts say its seeds were first smuggled from other Bt cotton growing countries and secretly multiplied in Indian states. A similar pattern is allegedly emerging in the case of HTBt cotton and Bt brinjal. Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar admitted in Parliament in 2019 that a few incidents of suspected open cultivation of Bt brinjal and HTBt cotton were reported in Maharashtra, Haryana, Punjab, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh.

Import substitution

India imports around 60% of edible oils — mostly palm oil, soya oil and sunflower oil. It is the most imported commodity after petroleum and gold, and accounts for 40% of the agricultural import bill and 3% of the country's annual import bill. The import of edible oils reached $18.70 billion in 2021-22, up from $10.92 billion in FY21, putting pressure on the exchequer. Besides, the productivity of rapeseed mustard in India is the lowest among major countries that cultivate it. As against the world average of 2,144 kg/ha, the Indian average yield is only 1,161 kg/ha. It prompted the government to release the DMH-11 variety for field trials. Though biosafety dossiers related to DMH-11 are not in public domain, the government claimed that DMH-11 will increase productivity by 28%.

Why is DMH-11 controversial

Since mustard is a self-pollinating crop, it is difficult to cross-pollinate it with the desired male parental line. The two gene systems, barstar and barnase, introduced into transgenic mustard lines, prevent self-fertilisation and promote heterosis breeding – a type of hybrid breeding where characteristics are enhanced in terms of size, growth rate, fertility and yield over those of parents.

The barnase gene induces male sterility and the barstar gene acts to restore the ability of the plant to produce fertile hybrid seeds in DMH-11, simplifying the process of cross-pollination to derive new hybrid varieties. An East European variety, Early Hira-2, along with an Indian variety, Varuna, are two parental strains used to develop DMH-11.

Scientists who closely monitored the DMH-11, say a third herbicide tolerant bar gene was introduced to parental lines for herbicide resistance. It will make it tolerant to the use of Glufosinate Ammonium, a lethal herbicide. The herbicide could end up killing non-GM plants and potentially cause the emergence of super weeds, contaminate non-GM seeds and impact the bee population.

The flip side

However, Dr Deepak Pental, who developed DMH-11, says the Indian gene pool of mustard is very narrow, hence the need to tweak it. DMH-11 is a hybrid between an Indian and an East European line. Its pollination control system provides hybrid seeds with high purity with the help of three transgenes — barnase, barstar and bar. Hybrids with higher yield than DMH-11 are already in the pipeline. The three genes used in mustard have been used in rapeseed extensively grown in Canada (1996), US (2002) and Australia (2003). No ill-effects have been reported so far either on the consumer health or on the environment of the growing countries, he said.

COMING UP

Interviews of Suman Sahay, founder of Gene campaign, and Dr Deepak Pental, who developed the DMH-11, in next edition of Xplore Environment